

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 18th March, 1956.

(c) Not for the present.

(d) Berhampur, Parlakimedi, Jey-pore, and Nawrangpur in Orissa, Duggirala, Tenali, Vijayawada, Kakinada and Cuddappah in Andhra, Erode, Salem and Madras in Madras State; Sangli, Karad, Tasgaon, Kolhapur, Takani and Bombay in Bombay State; Cochin and Alleppey in Travancore-Cochin; Shalimar in Jammu and Kashmir; Nagpur, Amritsar, Calcutta, Kanpur and Delhi.

(e) About 1 lakh tons a year.

#### REFRACTORY MATERIALS

**2156. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of perfect single crystals of refractory materials such as Alumina, Calcium, Cadmium, Tungsten and Titanium Dioxide has begun in India; and

(b) if so, the quantity in value produced during 1955?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Not yet on a commercial scale so far as the Government are aware.

(b) Government have no information.

#### HINDUSTAN STEEL LIMITED

**2157. Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Class I and Class II Officers holding administrative and technical posts in the Hindustan Steel Limited at present;

(b) the number of various Class III and Class IV Officials; and

(c) the number of persons from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in each of the categories mentioned?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIII, annexure No. 60].

#### COFFEE BOARD

**2158. Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coffee Board has revised the pay-scale of its staff; and

(b) the features of the new pay-scale?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) The scales of pay of Class III and Class IV staff have been revised.

(b) By and large, the scales of pay and allowances applicable to Central Government servants in the Subordinate Offices have been sanctioned for Class III and Class IV staff of the Coffee Board. A statement showing the original scales of pay and the revised scales is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XIII, annexure No. 61].

#### STEEL WORKS

**2159. Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have placed order for metal structural parts for iron and steel works under construction in India with Molotov Works in Russia; and

(b) if so, the tonnage of parts ordered and when the finished parts will be arriving in the country?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (b). No, Sir. No order has been placed for metal structural parts with Molotov Works in Russia. A contract has, however, been concluded between the Government of India on the one part and the Ministry of Iron and Steel U.S.S.R. and "Technoexport" on the other for the

supply of 60,000 metric tons of structural steelwork for the Bhilai Iron and Steel Works. The first consignment is expected to arrive in India this year and the entire supply completed by the middle of June, 1959.

PRAYER MEETINGS OF MAHATMA  
GANDHI

**2160. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) how many recordings of the prayer meetings of the Father of the Nation have been collected and maintained by the A.I.R.;

(b) to which periods they relate; and

(c) what steps have been taken to keep them free from corrosion and deterioration due to atmospheric conditions?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):**

(a) 237.

(b) May, 1947 to 29th January, 1948.

(c) The original records which are made on aluminium based cellulose-acetate coated discs have been carefully wrapped in dust-proof paper and are stored in steel almirahs in an air-conditioned room. These records were also transferred to tape and processed and steps have been taken to acquire and preserve the matrices of the records so processed—the matrices being of metal and of a permanent character.

BOKARO COLLIERY

**2161. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a fall in profits of the Bokaro Colliery recently; and

(b) if so, what were the incomes in 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55?

**The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra):** (a) Yes.

(b) The profit during these years was as under:

1950-51.	Rs. 65,35,969/-
1951-52.	Rs. 99,15,726/-
1952-53.	Rs. 1,09,64,737/-
1953-54.	Rs. 1,07,57,058/-
1954-55.	Rs. 81,83,182/-

MICA EXPORTS

**2162. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints from foreign concerns against Indian Shippers of Mica have been received during 1954 and 1955; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the complaints?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Broadly speaking the grounds for complaints have been:—

(1) that the supply of mica made was not according to the samples furnished;

(2) that the supply of mica made was not according to the specifications given;

(3) that the supply of mica made was short of the quantity stated to have been supplied; and

(4) non-fulfilment of the contract to supply the agreed quantity of mica.

RURAL BROADCASTING

**2163. Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the duration of rural broadcasting programme has been extended in Trichy A. I. R. Station; and

(b) if so, the time extended?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been extended from forty-five minutes to one hour.