

Rourkela Steel Plant

436. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreigners at present employed on the Rourkela Steel Project;

(b) the salaries paid to each class or category of such employees;

(c) whether there is any discrimination in the matter of salaries paid to Indian and foreign nationals in the same class or category; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri M. M. Shah): (a) One foreigner is employed as Technical Adviser by the Hindustan Steel (Private) Ltd.

(b) This Technical Adviser is being paid a salary of \$12,500 per annum free of income-tax.

(c) Does not arise, as there is only one post of Technical Adviser in the Project.

(d) Does not arise.

Cement Production

437. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the cost per ton of cement manufactured in different cement factories, (factory-wise);

(b) the main reasons for differences between the cost per ton in different factories; and

(c) how it compares with the rates of the cement manufactured in the Government Cement Factory near Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh?

The Minister of Heavy Industries (Shri M. M. Shah): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 46].

Floods

438. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Meteorological Department had been asked to report the weather conditions before the floods in the different systems of Rivers in the country during the months May, June and July, 1956 by the Central Water and Power Commission; and

(b) if so, what was their report regarding each State before the floods?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The Central Water and Power Commission did not make any such request to the

Indian Meteorological Department. The weather reports (actual weather conditions) are, however, collected and published every day by that Department. These reports include a forecast of rainfall during the next 24 or 48 hours in the different areas. Although the reports are not given by river basins, they cover the entire country.

विदेशी फर्म

४३६. **श्रीमती अनुसूयाबाई बोरकर:** क्या वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत की विदेशी फर्मों में ६० ३००-४६६ के बतन समूह में पाकिस्तान से आने वाले गैर-भारतीय कर्मचारियों की संख्या में १९५४ की अपेक्षा १९५५ में अधिक वृद्धि होने के क्या कारण हैं ?

भारी उद्योग मंत्री (श्री म० म० शाह): पाकिस्तानी नागरिकों को नौकर रखने वाली भारत की विदेशी फर्मों से मिले आंकड़े के अनुसार ६० ३००-४६६ के बतन समूह में १९५४ के मुकाबले १९५५ में पाकिस्तानियों की संख्या में १३ की वृद्धि हो गई है। यह वृद्धि ६ फर्मों में हुई है। एक फर्म में नीची जगह से ऊंची जगह पर कर्मचारियों को तरफकी देने के कारण यह वृद्धि हुई है। एक दूसरी फर्म का पाकिस्तानी नागरिक दरअसल उस की पाकिस्तान वाली शाखा में काम करता है और उसे इन आंकड़ों में शामिल नहीं किया जाना चाहिये था। अन्य फर्मों के बारे में ठीक ठीक कारण उपलब्ध नहीं हैं।

Refugee Colonies

441. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plots of land have been taken over by Government from the local people to establish refugee colonies in Harer Khala, Kalachhari, Manik Bhandar, Methir Mian and Basan Chhar, under Kamalpur Division in Tripura;

(b) if so, whether any compensation in all cases was given to the people whose land has been acquired; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?