

1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59 at pp. 9-10, 16-19, 22-23, 19-20, 10-11 and 12-13 respectively, copies of which are already available in the Library of Parliament.

Displaced Persons in Tripura

603. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Bangshi Thakur:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a group of refugees were lathi-charged while staging a demonstration on the 21st May, 1960 demanding the "economic rehabilitation of displaced persons in Tripura" before the Rehabilitation Directorate at Agartala;

(b) if so, the circumstances leading to the lathi-charge; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet their demand?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) and (b). On 21-5-1960 at about 6 P.M. a procession of about 150 persons started from Durgabari, Agartala, shouting the slogans "March ahead towards Civil Disobedience movement" and "Go ahead towards revolution". The procession came in front of the main gate of the Rehabilitation Directorate at about 6.15 P.M. A Police force was stationed at the Directorate building to maintain law and order. The crowd tried to force their way into the building shouting that they would set it on fire. They also hurled brick-bats on the police party causing injuries to the police officer and the constables on duty. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate declared the assembly unlawful and asked them to disperse. On their refusal to disperse, Shri Mohan Choudhury was arrested and mild force was employed to disperse the crowd.

(c) The demonstrators did not present any demand.

Steel Production at Rourkela

604. **Shri Rami Reddy:** Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Steel produced at Rourkela till now;

(b) the quantity exported to the foreign countries;

(c) the countries to which steel is exported;

(d) at what price; and

(e) the value of steel exported so far?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) 1,06,650 tons of ingots and 24,960 tons of slabs have been produced at Rourkela upto June, 1960.

(b) to (e). Rourkela exported about 1400 tons of steel ingots to U.K. and about 11,000 tons of slabs to West Germany up to the middle of July 1960. The price of various consignments differs from time to time but the total value of steel exported from Rourkela would be about Rs. 43 lakhs.

Regional College of Technology at Rourkela

605. **Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of **Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to start a Regional College of Technology at Rourkela during the current year; and

(b) if so, the annual intake of the students and the subjects proposed to be taught?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). The All India Council for Technical Education has recommended the establishment of a Regional College at Rourkela with 250 new admissions annually to the various branches of engineering. The matter is at present under consideration of Government.