

Sardar Swaran Singh: We are going a little beyond; we are now travelling into the relative performance of the various plants. But, this is a point which has been explained by me. The Rourkela steel plant is manufacturing flat products. Rolling mills manufacturing flat products are more complicated.

Shri Nath Pai: Teething troubles are limited normally to the initial stages. In the case of Rourkela, it seems to be a chronic process. May we know when the so-called teething troubles are expected to come to an end?

Sardar Swaran Singh: That I have already attempted to answer that most of the troubles are being got over and I expect that there will be a significant increase in production during the current year.

Shri Narasimhan: The hon. Minister stated that a technical committee was appointed by the Ministry. Will the report of that committee also be placed before Parliament at the proper time?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I have no objection to placing a copy of the report on the Table of the House. Or, any hon. Member who is interested in it can write to me and I will supply him a copy.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know whether these teething troubles are peculiar to the Rourkela Plant only? Why was it not there in the other plant?

Mr. Speaker: The same question as Shri Morarka's.

Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: May I know whether the number of German officials has increased in the Rourkela steel plant? What is the present strength in comparison with the strength that it had two years ago?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I do not think that the hon. Member expects me to remember details of the number of German experts. On short notice, I agreed to answer the ques-

tion that related to a certain statement that was attributed to the leader of the German team. I cannot give all the information with regard to the Rourkela plant, particularly information where figures are involved.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Iron Deposits in Goa

*300. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of mineral deposits of iron that have come over to India as a result of the liberation of Goa;

(b) whether in view of the increased availability of the mineral reserves the Third Five Year Plan targets for the production of steel have been revised; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon):

(a) to (c). No reliable figures of iron ore deposits of Goa are available. Estimates vary from 60 million tons to 250 million tons. The Geological Survey of India will be undertaking a survey shortly in order to obtain a more accurate estimate. These ore deposits, however, represent a small fraction of the total deposits in India. The question of revising the Third Plan target for the production of steel, therefore, does not arise.

Unemployment and under Employment in Tripura

*303. **Shri Bangshi Thakur:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problem of unemployment and under-employment is acute in Tripura; and

(b) if so, measures that are taken by Government to solve the problem?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Nothing special has come to our notice.