

Supply of Tank Armour Plates by HSL to Ministry of Defence

1798. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK :
SHRI S.M. KRISHNA ;

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Steel Ltd have failed to supply tank armour plates order placed by the Ministry of Defence ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAIH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) to (c). As the matter pertains to Defence requirements, it will not be in the public interest to disclose details.

Employees Provident Fund Dues with Employers

1799. SHRI S.A. MURUGANANTHAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of industries have failed to pay their contribution to the Provident Funds of the employees ;

(b) if so, what is the outstanding arrears from the employers at present ;

(c) the names of the first ten companies who top the list of defaulters and the amount due from each of them ; and

(d) the steps taken to realise the arrears ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : The administration of Employee's Provident Fund is the concern of the Central Board of Trustees set up under the employee's Provident Funds and Family Pension Fund Act, 1952 and is not the direct concern of the Central Government. The Provident Funds authorities have reported as under :—

(a) and (b). As on the 31st December, 1970 a sum of about Rs. 1576 lakhs was due from the employers of defaulting unexempted establishments on account of the employers' shares of provident fund contribution as well as arrears of precoverage accumulation and those on account of cancellation of exemption.

(c) The names of the first ten unexempted defaulting establishments which were at the top of the list of defaulters together with the amount due from them as on the 31st December, 1970 is given below :—

Name of the Establishment	Approximate amount in default (in lakhs of Rs.)
1. India United Group of mills, Bombay.	262.22
2. Indore Malwa United Mills Ltd., Indore.	61.10
3. New Victoria Mills Co. Ltd., Kanpur.	37.64
4. Swadeshi Cotton & Flour Mills Ltd., Indore.	34.09
5. Hira Mills Ltd., Ujjain	31.87
6. Sholapur Spg. & Wvg. Mills Ltd., Sholapur.	30.83
7. Laxmi Ratan Cotton Milla Co. Ltd, Kanpur.	27.95
8. Model Mills Nagpur Ltd., Nagpur.	24.52
9. Atherton West & Co. Ltd., Kanpur.	21.58
10. Somasundaram Mills (P) Ltd., Coimbatore.	18.27