

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Burmese Boundary Conference

2115 **SHRI P. GANGADEB :**
SHRI P.M. MEHTA :

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indo-Burmese Boundary Conference was held in March on the Burmese border; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Formation of a Three-Year Rolling Plan

2116 **SHRI P. GANGADEB :**
SHRI P. M MEHTA :

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

(a) whether despite the opposition from the Finance Ministry, Government have taken a decision for the formation of a three year rolling plan, and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b): The Department of Steel have formulated a Three-Year Plan of requirements of raw materials, spares, refractories, rolls and other consumable stores for Steel Plants both in the private and the public sectors. This will enable the projection of the requirements of foreign exchange for imports over a three year period. The main advantage of this exercise would be that the foreign exchange requirement for the whole year would be considered on one occasion before the commencement of the opera-

tional year. The Plan would enable a more systematic investigation of the scope for import substitution and would result in price advantages which a short term procurement cannot secure. The Plan would also lead to more economic maintenance and improvements in productivity of steel plants arising from better maintenance.

There was no opposition to the proposal from the Ministry of Finance. In fact the scheme was drawn up and finalised with full cooperation from them.

Steel Requirements for Construction of Houses in Delhi

2117. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Will the Minister of **STEEL AND MINES** be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a shortage of steel in the capital,

(b) if so, the steps taken to overcome this difficulty experienced specially by the lowpaid employees in procuring steel for the construction of their houses; and

(c) whether black-marketing of steel is on the increase day-by-day and if so, the steps taken by Government to curb the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) There is a general shortage of steel and this shortage is being experienced in the capital also.

(b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member refers to the position in Delhi. From October, 1971 a Committee named Main Steel Producers' Committee is functioning in Delhi. They pool the availability of materials for house-builders in the stockyards of all the three producers and distribute them to house builders in and around Delhi in a coordinated manner. A certain percentage of steel is reserved specially for small house-builders whose plot area does