

Press in Foundry Forge Plant of Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

1574. SHRI C. CHITTIBABU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press in the Foundry Forge Plant of Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd. Ranchi was commissioned by the end of 1971 as anticipated; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN). (a) The question presumably refers to the erection of the 6000 Tonnes Press in Foundry Forge Plant. This was due to be completed by the end of December, 1971 and commissioned by March, 1972. The press is now expected to be commissioned by the end of May, 1972.

(b) The delay has been mainly due to the late receipt of certain vital imported components and lack of sufficient skilled manpower with the contractor for the erection of electrical and mechanical components.

Employment to Security Personnel of Rourkela Steel Plant

1575. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA.
SHRI D. K. PANDA.

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

(a) whether Government propose to provide alternative employment to those security personnel of Rourkela Steel Plant found unsuitable for Industrial Security Force; and

(b) if so, the total number of alternative jobs at present available in the said Steel Plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) The

management of Rourkela Steel Plant will offer appropriate employment to those of their Security Personnel who, having applied for absorption in the Central Industrial Security Force, are not so absorbed because of physical disability or other reasons beyond their control.

(b) There are no block vacancies. Alternative employment will be provided by the plant management as and when vacancies are located.

Death of a Worker of Wagon Repair shop of Rourkela Steel Plant

1576 SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether one Shri Sukura Tanti of Wagon Repair Shop, Rourkela Steel Plant died in the afternoon of 11th February, 1972 in an accident, and

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted into the case of the accident and the responsibility fixed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY ON STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir Shri Tanti met with a serious accident in the Rourkela Steel Plant on 11.2.1972 at 2.00 P.M., while removing the housing of the Slag Car. He was removed to hospital where he died at 8.00 P.M. on the same day

(b) A Committee consisting of three Senior Officers of the Plant conducted an enquiry and found that the death of Shri Tanti was accidental.

Publication of Advertisements in Dailies for Workers of Rourkela Steel Plant

1577. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether advertisements in Oriya and English dailies were published at a cost of thousands of rupees to inform the Rour-

kela Steel Plant workers of Security Department, the last date for option to Industrial Security Force; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). A Notification "Why Rourkela Steel Plant Security Personnel should opt for Central Industrial Security Force" was published in three English and five Oriya dailies, and in one weekly each in English and Oriya, at a cost of Rs. 7,410.

The Notification was issued not only to inform the Security Personnel about the last date for exercising their option to join the Central Industrial Security Force, but also to clarify to them, the other workers of the Plant and the general public the position in regard to the terms and conditions of service in the Central Industrial Security Force.

Life Insurance for Labourers

1578. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new step towards labour welfare was taken by the New Commercial Mills in Ahmedabad providing about 2,100 employees on its staff with life insurance cover for which they will not have to pay the premium;

(b) if so, the salient features of this proposed new scheme; and

(c) whether the Union Government are considering to have such schemes introduced in all the States and in the Government controlled mills ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): (a) to (c). The information is being collected. It will be laid on the table of the Sabha as early as possible.

Shortage of Coal in Textile Industry in Gujarat

1579. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ahmedabad Millowners Association had stated that the coal stock position was causing grave anxiety to the textile industry in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether the coal shortage remained unsatisfactory throughout the year; and

(c) the main reasons for the coal shortage and the steps being taken to improve the coal position in 1972 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Production in New Steel Plants

1580. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 669 on the 18th November, 1971 regarding the production in new Steel Plants and state the time by which three new steel plants are likely to be started at Visakapatnam, Hospet and Salem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): According to the schedule of construction as indicated by the Consultants in the Feasibility Reports, the Salem Steel plant can be commissioned in 1977-78 whereas the commissioning of the Vijayanagar and Visakapatnam Steel Plants would take about eight years from now.

Workers participation in Management

1581. SHRI P. M. MEHTA:
SHRI P. GANGADEB:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state: