

**Insurance Licences for setting up of Mini-steel Plants**

672. SHRI KRISHAN CHANDRA PANDEY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the parties, who applied for the insurance licences for setting up the mini-steel plants in various States;

(b) the names of parties who were issued the licences with the location thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that the all products of these mini-plants will be made available to the consumers at fair-price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) It is presumed the Hon'ble Member is referring to the applications received by Government for grant of industrial licences to set up electric furnace cum continuous casting plants for manufacture of steel ingots/billets. A list of such applications received after February 1970 when the revised Industrial Licensing Policy came into force, is enclosed. Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3242/72]

(b) The names of the parties out of the above who have been granted Letters of intent/Industrial Licences together with location are indicated in the statement enclosed. Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—3292/72].

(c) The production of ingots/billets by such units and their disposal are at present not controlled by Government.

**Production of Ingots and Saleable Steel in Public Sector Steel Plants**

673. SHRI K. BALADHANDA-UTHAM :  
SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI :

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

(a) whether the aggregate production of ingots and saleable steel at the country's three mild steel plants showed a decline in the months of April to June this year;

(b) if so, the reasons for the decline in production; and

(c) the steps taken to step up production of ingots and saleable steel at these plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): The aggregate production at the Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourkela Steel Plants under Hindustan Steel Limited during the months of April to June, 1972, was higher in terms of saleable steel but lower in terms of ingot steel as compared to the production in the corresponding period last year as the following figures will show:—

	(In '000 tonne)	
	April-June 1971	April-June 1972
Ingot Steel	87.9	82.1
Saleable Steel	626.9	619.9

(b) The production during these months was affected in all the plants on account of a severe summer, high absenteeism and shortage of coke oven gas. Power shortage due to restrictions in supply affected production in Rourkela and Durgapur. Adverse industrial relations constituted a principal constraint in the Durgapur Steel Plant and to some extent, affected the Rourkela Steel Plant also.

(c) Within the limitations imposed by the industrial relations situation, particularly at Durgapur Steel Plant, the Management of Hindustan Steel Limited are making all possible efforts to increase production as rapidly as possible. These includes: specialised repairs of Coke Ovens, use of alternative fuels to supplement gas availability, oil firing in certain furnaces to augment fuel resources, improved maintenance aimed at better equipment availability, speeding up of capital programmes required to correct existing imbalances in production facilities and planned procurement of spares, refractories and other essential materials. Recently, a three-tier joint consultative machinery has been set up at Durgapur for speedy settlement of industrial disputes and grievances and to enlist the cooperation of the workers in maximising production. A new rewards scheme has been introduced in the Rourkela Steel Plant to

provide an additional incentive for increasing production progressively.

#### Purchase of Spares for Durgapur Steel Plant

674. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the value of spares bought during the last three years from various sources including British firms for the Durgapur Steel Plant?

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

#### अप्रक की खानों का राष्ट्रीयकरण

675. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :  
श्री विरेन्द्र सिंह राव :

क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्रा यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का लोयला खानों का भाति कुछ अप्रक का खानों का भा राष्ट्रीयकरण करने का विचार है ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो उमका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार को अप्रक की खानों में व्याप्त अनियमितताओं के बारे में शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खान) : (क) अप्रक खानों के राष्ट्रीयकरण का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठना है।

(ग) सरकार को अप्रक खानों के कार्य-करण के बारे में कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं जिन पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

#### बंगला देश से आये शरणार्थियों की वापसी

676. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :  
श्री एस० सी० सामन्त :

क्या अन्न और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बंगला देश से आये सभी शरणार्थि अपने देश लौट गये हैं, और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो शेष शरणार्थी कब तक अपने देश वापस भेज दिये जायेंगे ?

अन्न और पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री आर० के० छाडिलकर) . (क) और (ख) केवल 533 व्यक्ति यहाँ यथा सभव समय में उनके देश वापस भेज दिया जायगा, जो छोड़कर मभा शिविर शरणार्थी बंगला देश लौट चुके हैं।

जहा तक शरण-शिविर शरणार्थियों का, अर्थात् जो अपने मित्रों एवं संबंधियों के साथ रह रहे थे, सबध है उनमें से भा अधिकांश अपने आप बंगला देश लौट चुके हैं।

इक्के दूके मामलों का जब कभी पता चलता है उन्हें विदेशी व्यक्ति अधिनियम, 1946 में की गई व्यवस्था के अनुसार सबधित राज्य सरकार द्वारा निपटाया जाता है।

#### Advertisement regarding benefits of Registration as approved contractors

677. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of SUPPLY be pleased to state.

(a) the names of 78 newspapers in which detailed advertisements regarding the benefits of registration as approved contractors and the procedure of registration were published by the Ministry of Supply in 1971;

(b) the names of the languages and places of publication of these newspapers;

(c) the amount of money paid to these papers for such advertisements; and