

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations have been found to be untrue and baseless.

**Losses in Mazagon Dock Limited on Repair of Ships and General Engineering Works**

4389. **SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any cases where Mazagon Dock Limited, Bombay, had to suffer losses in undertaking repair job of ships and General Engineering works, after acquiring the share holdings of the company by Government of India; and

(b) if so, in what cases such losses occurred and the reasons for such losses in each case?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information regarding cases involving a loss of Rs. 1000/- or more during the last five years is given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. Details of such cases prior to 1967-68 are not at present available as the Company's records for the earlier period have not been preserved.

The losses in these cases were generally due to (i) Under-estimation; (ii) Hurried preparation of the Bills; (iii) Delay in finalisation of the cost data and (iv) Need for re-work, etc. Time being of crucial importance in the completion of such jobs and considering the overall volume of activity, these losses are not very significant as can be seen from the Statement laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4025/72].

**Complaints against Managing Directors of Steel Plants**

4390. **SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints against the Managing Directors of certain Steel Plants in the public sector for unduly favouring certain industrial concerns in the matters of award of contracts; and

(b) the names of such steel plants and the Managing Directors thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN):** (a) No such complaints have been recently received by Government against the present Managing Directors or General Managers of any of the Steel Plants in the public sector.

(b) Does not arise.

**Denial of facilities to Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur for Economic growth of Assansol-Durgapur Region**

4391. **SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the 'Hindustan Standard' Calcutta dated the 5th November, 1972, a sense of frustration is deepening steadily at Durgapur (West Bengal) because the authorities at Delhi continue to doggedly deny the Alloy Steel Plant the necessary facilities to further generate economic growth in the Assansol-Durgapur region; and

(b) if so, whether Government will reconsider the decision?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN):** (a) and (b). Presumably the reference is to the product-mix for the scheme of expansion of the Alloy Steel Plant. The product-mix was decided upon after taking into account all relevant factors. However, in the light of reports received from delegations that have recently examined the latest developments in steel technology, it is

now proposed to re-examine the whole question of the expansion product-mix of the Plant

**Efforts by Islamic Countries for Rapprochement between Pakistan and Bangladesh**

4392. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Foreign Ministers of Islamic countries have decided to reactivate the eight-member Reconciliation Mission established at the third Islamic Conference at Jedda last April to bring about rapprochement between Pakistan and Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) After the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Islamic countries in New York in October last, a spokesman is reported to have made a statement to the effect that the Mission for Reconciliation between Pakistan and Bangladesh was to be reactivated.

(b) This is a matter which concerns the Government of Bangladesh and the other countries concerned.

**Investment for production of Coal as estimated by Fuel Policy Committee**

4393. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an additional investment of Rs. 700 crores would be required for the production of coal to meet the demand estimated by the Fuel Policy Committee at the end of the decade;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposals; and

(c) the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) The Fuel Policy Committee have estimated the capital cost involved in increasing the production of coal to 164.3 million tonnes and creating additional washery capacity of 19.5 million tonnes by 1978-79 at Rs. 695 crores.

(b) The break-up of the Fuel Policy Committees estimate is as follows:

Method of Mining	Additional production in million tonnes.	Investment cost in Rs. crores.
1. Shallow underground	42	372
2. Open-cast.	27	212
3. Reconstruction of coking coal mines.	10	20
4. Washeries.	..	91
TOTAL		695

(c) The demand for coal during Fifth Plan period and the investment required are under examination.

**Taking over of non-Coking Coal Mines**

4394. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have no proposal to take over the non-coking coal mines; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of the large reserves