

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE). (a) and (b). Government have a proposal to set up the additional capacity for manufacture of 2000 Tube Kilo Meters of Coaxial cables at Hyderabad in addition to the existing capacity at Rupnarainpur. This decision is consequent on the advantages to be derived in easier availability of this type of cables for the P & T requirement in the South/Western region. The matter is still under consideration.

(c) and (d) A lead extrusion press ordered on the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi for project No 9 (expansion of capacity for Dry Core cables) and found superfluous for Rupnarainpur (in view of certain modifications in the method of sheathing to be employed in the Dry Core cables to be manufactured there) was proposed to be diverted to Hyderabad. No item of machinery already installed in Rupnarainpur has been shifted.

Purchase of Machinery for Hindustan Cables Ltd Rupnarainpur

4041 SHRI SAMAR GUHA Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether some machineries were purchased from M/s. Kumardhubi Engineering Works for Hindustan Cables Ltd at Rupnarainpur in West Bengal, if so, the amount paid for the purchase,

(b) whether the machineries purchased from the Kumardhubi Engineering Works were found defective and unworkable and required to be replaced,

(c) whether Government inquired into the matter and if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to institute an inquiry into the purchase of defective machineries from the Kumardhubi Engineering Works?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE). (a) Yes, Sir. Information on the amount paid is being collected.

(b) As the machines supplied by M/s. Kumardhubi were not found satisfactory in operation, the Company had to augment the capacity by obtaining additional machines.

(c) and (d) These machines were developed indigenously for the first time and did not prove satisfactory in their performance on account of various teething troubles associated with the development of such types of plant and machinery in the country. As these machines were ordered with a view to develop indigenous capability, Government does not find it necessary to order any inquiry into the purchase of these machines.

Loss incurred by Hindustan Cables Ltd

4042 SHRI SAMAR GUHA. Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Cables Ltd was running at a profit but for the last two years, it has been running at a loss, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether one of the causes for the present failure of the Hindustan Cables to achieve its expected production is lack of supply of raw materials, particularly copper wires; and

(c) whether any inquiry has been made to go into the causes of loss of production of the Hindustan Cables; and if so, the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE) (a) For the first time in its history, the company sustained a loss of Rs 1.80 lakhs in 1971-72.