

tion has been located at Rangpo in Sikkim and lead-zinc mineralisation at Genekha (with more than ten per cent combined lead and zinc) in Bhutan.

(c) and (d). Overall conclusion can be arrived at only after completion of the investigation now in progress.

Production of First Blast Furnace of Bokaro Steel Plant.

4680. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bokaro's first blast furnace has exceeded 5 lakh tonnes production mark since it was commissioned in October, 1972;

(b) whether Bokara has sold so far over 4.53 lakh tonnes of pig iron valued at Rs. 14.50 crores; and

(c) if so, whether it has passed the stage of teething trouble?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) Yes, Sir. The production of pig iron till the end of November, 1973 exceeded 7 lakh tonnes:

(b) Yes, Sir. Upto end of November 1973 Bokaro Steel Plant had sold 753,968 tonnes of pig iron valued at Rs. 32.69 crores.

(c) The performance of the blast furnace so far has been satisfactory and there has been no serious trouble in operation. It is hoped that the furnace will stand up to integrated operation of the steel plant equally well.

Development of a Prototype Instrument by Instrument Research and Development Establishment at Dehradun

4681. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Instruments Research and Development Establishment at Dehradun has developed a prototype of

an instrument which will enable the Defence services personnel to see clearly at night;

(b) if so, whether this image intensifying device has been given any name; and

(c) whether this new developed device will be an addition to the defence services or merely a substitution for imported one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The prototypes are in the developmental stage.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) After the device has been successfully developed, it will be an addition to the Defence Services.

Nationalisation of Steel and Non-Ferrous Industries.

4682. KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are actively considering the proposal of nationalisation of those steel and non-ferrous industries, the capital investment of which is more than Rupees 10 crores; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Such a measure is not considered necessary at present.

Wage Board for Employees in Large Industrial Houses.

4683. KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a new Wage Board for the