

Unidentified disease spreading in Andhra Pradesh

2386. SHRI B. S. MURTHY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have information that there was an unidentified and peculiar disease spreading in the Guddapah district of Andhra Pradesh during the month of December, 1973;

(b) whether there were any deaths;

(c) whether this epidemic has been controlled; and

(d) whether there are any other areas in India where this type of disease was reported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) :

(a) to (d). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Capacity of bright bars production

2387. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of bright bars production ;

(b) the quantum thereof actually utilised;

(c) the reasons for idle capacity, if any; and

(d) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to utilise the capacity fully?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Licensed units 75,900 tonnes per annum Units registered with 1,48,060 tonnes per annum the DGTD in addition to the licensed units.

(b) 52,000 tonnes approximately.

(c) This is an industry based on steel of which there is shortage in the country. It is, therefore, difficult to increase production unless availability of the categories of steel required by the industry improves. Besides, many of the units have been only recently registered with the DGTD or only recently commissioned. Their production is likely to materialise or increase progressively in the coming years.

(d) Government has been laying great emphasis on increasing the production of steel in the integrated steel plants. In addition, all out efforts are being made to secure higher production of alloy, special and mild steel from the Electric Furnace Industry. With larger availability of steel the capacity utilisation of bright bar industry may be expected to improve.

Durgapur Alloy Steel Plant

2388. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether production in the Alloy Steel Plant at Durgapur has stopped completely due to non-supply of adequate power; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA) : (a) While production in the Alloy Steels Plant at Durgapur has been affected by shortages in the supply of power, there has been no complete stoppage.

(b) Does not arise.

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2389. श्री महावीरक सिंह शास्त्र : क्या पूर्ति और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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