

(b) the names of the steel plants that are going to be expanded with the Soviet aid; and

(c) the nature and types of equipments that we depend on the delivery by Soviet Union?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) and (b). The construction work for Bokaro Steel Plant is, by and large going on according to the coordinated construction schedule, finalised last year, for the 4 million tonne stage. It has been decided to increase the capacity of Bokaro Steel Plant to 4.7 million ingot tonnes per annum in continuation of 4 M.T. Stage, by providing some additional facilities.

The other Soviet aided Steel Plant, i.e., Bhilai Steel Plant, has already a capacity of 2.5 million ingot tonne steel per year and at present the Plant is being expanded is 4 M.T. per annum. According to present indications completion of this expansion may be somewhat delayed

The further expansion of Bhilai to 7 million tonnes and of Bokaro to 10 million tonnes, with Soviet assistance, is under consideration.

(c) Normally, only those items of equipment which are not indigenously available are being imported from USSR.

Visit by Foreign Minister of Poland

**8186. SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH:
SHRI BANAMALI BABU:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Polish Foreign Minister visited India in March, 1974; and

(b) if so, the nature of discussion held and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The discussions covered bilateral matters as well as international questions of common interest. A copy of the Joint Communique issued at the end of the visit is placed on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No LT-6831/74.*]

Foreign Minister's visit to Egypt

**8187. SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH:
SHRI BANAMALI BABU:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited Egypt recently in March, 1974 and had discussion with the Egyptian Government; and

(b) if so, the nature of discussion held and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Minister of External Affairs visited the Arab Republic of Egypt on March 17-18, 1974 and had discussions with the President and the Foreign Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt. These discussions covered the situation in West Asia, the Non-aligned movement and the situation in the sub-continent. There was identity of views between the two sides on all the subjects discussed.

Indians in Kenya

**8188. SHRI M. SUDARSANAM:
SHRI RAM PRAKASH:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians residing in Kenya; and