

In addition to the above, approximately 3,80,000 tonnes of hard coke per annum are obtained by TISCO from Sijua coke ovens, the Beehive ovens of BCCL and Bokaro Steel, to meet their requirements of Blast Furnace coke.

#### Blackmarketing in Steel

3985. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH:

SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR:

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE

SINHA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported in the press on the 12th August, 1974 that about 300 firms in four States and two Union Territories in Northern India have been either debarred from getting steel allotment for five years or their licences suspended after it was detected that they were selling their quota in blackmarket, if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether the office of the Regional Iron and Steel Controller intends to launch a drive to detect misuse of steel quota in other States as also to stop the steel material being sold in blackmarket; and

(c) the punishment Government propose to inflict to stop its black-market?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA). (a) Yes, Sir; the report is substantially correct.

(b) There are six Regional Offices of the Iron & Steel Controller at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras, Hyderabad and Kanpur. Appropriate action is being taken by the Regional Iron and Steel Controllers within their respective regions.

(c) Iron and Steel (Control) Order, 1956 has been amended to provide

specifically that the use of steel for any purpose other than that for which it is allotted or applied for is a violation of the Iron and Steel (Control) Order and a penal offence punishable under the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Wherever mis-utilisation is proved, action will be taken under the provisions of the Iron and Steel (Control) Order and/or the Essential Commodities Act.

#### New Unit of Bharat Electronics Limited

3986. SHRIMATI PREMALABAI CHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Electronics Limited have any plans of setting up a new unit;

(b) if so, the proposed location thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the backward area of Maharashtra State is being considered as a possible location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Bharat Electronics Limited have no concrete plan at present to set up a new unit.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### Production of a New Export Quality Wrist Watch "Chinar" by HMT Srinagar

3987. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Machine Tools Limited has started production