

Saving in use of H.S.D.

434. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instructions have been issued by the Central Government to State Governments to effect saving in the use of High Speed Diesel;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the damages this will cause to the well organised road transport in the country,

(c) whether 62 per cent of exports which are moved from hinterland to Indian Ports exclusively by the Goods Road Transport Industry will not be adversely affected, and

(d) whether there is no other way to reduce the consumption of High Speed Diesel by not affecting the growth of trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) to (d). Certain instructions for effecting saving in consumption of High Speed Diesel by Road Transport Vehicles were issued to the State Governments/Union Administrations by the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals in August, 1974. These included restrictions on plying of commercial motor vehicles beyond 500 Kms and on grant of new permits On receipt of representations from Transport Operators/Unions, the instructions relating to road transport are being reconsidered

Sponge Iron-Based Mini-Steel Plants

435. SHRI S. A. MURUGANAN-THAM.
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Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a 'prepara' under consideration to set up sponge iron-based mini-steel plants; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHXDEV PRASAD): (a) and (b). Eight State Industrial Development Corporations have been granted Letters of Intent for setting up sponge iron units. When sponge iron becomes available on a commercial scale, sponge iron together with ferrous scrap can be utilised as feed-stock in electric arc furnaces for steelmaking

22 शरणाधी परिवारों को वापस लेने से पाकिस्तान का इन्कार

436 श्री महामन्त्री सिंह शाक्य : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह जतने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 9 अक्टूबर, 1974 के स्थानीय दैनिक में "22 शरणाधी परिवारों को वापस लेने में पाक इन्करी" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित मसूदा की ओर दिया गया है,

(ख) क्या पश्चिमी इम प्रकरण समझने में देर हो रही है, और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में भारत सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री स्वर्ण सिंह) : (क) से (ग) सरकार ने इस आशय की प्रेस रिपोर्ट को देखा है। सूचना को सत्यापित किया जा रहा है तथा निष्कर्ष को सदन के पटल पर रखा जायेगा।

Discharging of Effluents in Ganga by Factories of Kanpur

437. SHRI B. R. SHULA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of factories operating in the city of Kanpur are discharging effluents in the river