

Alleged involvement of Management of Rourkela Steel Plant with Private Parties in regard to Tenders at High Price

526. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Management of Rourkela Steel Plant is hand in glove with some private parties in giving tenders at high-price, as a result of which the Plant is losing a huge amount; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and the reactions of Government thereto?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Functioning of Naval Boys Training Centre at Chilka in Orissa

527. SHRI ARJUN SETHI:
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GRAHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the steps taken to start the functioning of the Naval Boys' Training Centre at Chilka, Orissa after its inauguration last year?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): The establishment of B.T.E. at Chilka is proposed to be done in phases because of the constraints in resources. In the first phase, which would cover the period 1974-79, an expenditure of Rs. 3 crores is planned to be spent. As a first step to achieve the above, action has been taken for the acquisition of land which is being done through the State Government. A sitting Board, including a representative of the National Com-

mittee of Environmental Planning and Coordination has prepared a plan for the location of the various buildings and facilities for the establishment. Based on these plans, estimates for approval of workers are under preparation by the Engineers. A garrison Engineer of the Military Engineering Services as begun functioning at Bhubaneswar. During 1974-75 a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs has been provided in the budget for expenditure on this Project.

Establishment of Ship building yards in Fifth Plan

528. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether the technical committee have prepared the feasibility report for establishment of ship building yards in the country during the Fifth Plan; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) the names of the parts recommended for ship building yards and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H M TRIVEDI): (a) to (c). The Techno Economic Working Group set up by the Government has evaluated the various sites proposed by the State Governments for location of new shipyards during the Fifth Plan period. Three foreign consultants have been engaged to prepare Preliminary Project Reports on the four sites recommended by the Techno Economic Working Group, viz., Haldia in West Bengal, Paradip in Orissa, Hazira in Gujarat and Curtavanagani in Goa. A decision regarding the location of the proposed two new shipyards will be taken after receipt of these Preliminary Project Reports expected to be received by the end of February, 1975.