

used previously, in the electrical sub-urban stock ordered on them. Under actual service conditions this material in its original form did not prove entirely satisfactory.

(b) Rs. 1.67 lakhs.

(c) No. In fact, the development of satisfactory indigenous substitutes was what prompted the use of this material.

**Trade Union Leaders of H.E.L.
Bhopal**

1991. Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain employees of H.E.L., Bhopal who were Trade Union leaders and had been discharged in 1964 have since been reinstated; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b). Some of the employees who were sent to jail or went underground, ceased to be employees, as per the Standing Orders of the Company. As a special case, the Management of the Company agreed to take back, subject to usual scrutiny, those ex-employees who furnished a written letter of apology/regret to the management and gave an assurance of good conduct and behaviour. Such of these ex-employees are being taken back in departments where vacancies are available.

**Agreement with Japan for Supply of
Manganese**

1992. Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri George Fernandes:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has recently been signed between the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation and Fuji Iron and Steel Company of

Japan for the supply of manganese; and

(b) if so, the total quantity and the value involved?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A delegation of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporations which visited Japan in March/April, 1967, entered into an agreement with the Steel Mills of Japan for sale of 2.45 lakh tonnes of ferruginous manganese ore, valued at approximately 1 million.

Production of UREA and LECO

1993. Shri V. Krishnamoorthi: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that production of 'Urea' and 'Leco' has been affected for want of lignite at Neyveli complex; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to remove the difficulties?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) and (b). The shortfall in 'Urea' and 'Leco' production in the Neyveli complex has not been entirely or even largely due to want of lignite.

The Fertilizer Plant commenced operation in March, 1966 and teething troubles, such as, leakage in valves, flash back in motors and corrosion of metal, which resulted in rapid wearing out of critical parts, have largely affected the production of Urea. The Lignite Corporation are in constant touch with suppliers and experts to overcome these teething troubles. They have also ordered for spares to replace the worn out parts.

As regards 'Leco', this being a new type of domestic fuel, its production is restricted to the demand in the market, which is mainly responsible for a shortfall. The Corporation have already embarked on vigorous sales promotion activities to build up a good market for this fuel.