

NATIONALISATION OF TISCO & IISCO

2762. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to nationalise TISCO and IISCO ;

(b) if so, by when ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof, specially in view of their growing foreign exchange demand every year for expansion purposes ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 does not preclude continuance and expansion of the existing privately owned Steel Plants. Only IISCO have currently an expansion programme and for this a World Bank Loan has been negotiated.

SECOND MINE CUT IN NEYVELI

2763. SHRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Neyveli Lignite Corporation suggesting to begin the second mine cut at Neyveli ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has been examined and it is found that the need for it does not exist.

TALCHER COMPLEX

2764. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the project "Talcher Complex of Industries" proposed by the Government of Orissa for being included in Fourth Plan has been examined from all aspects ; and

(b) if so, the nature of the decision taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). The proposal of the Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Ltd., a State Government Undertaking, for the setting up of an Industrial Complex at Talcher is still under examination in consultation with the Departments and Organisations concerned with a view to remove all areas of doubt before the scheme involving such a large outlay is embarked upon.

ENGINEERING CONSORTIUM

2765. SHRI R. BARUA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Engineering Consortium embracing the major undertakings like steel plants, heavy engineering, heavy electricals to undertake industrial projects ; and

(b) if so, whether such a consortium is likely to take up industrial projects in the developing countries and the far East ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a)

and (b). The question of setting up two consortia in the public sector, one to carry on all business connected with the supply of equipment for Steel Plant and Mines, and the other to deal with Power House equipment, is presently under consideration. Details have not been finalised yet.

FOREIGN MARKETS FOR COACHES AND WAGONS

2766. SHRI R. BARUA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the orders from abroad for coaches and wagons manufactured in India have increased recently ;

(b) if so, the names of countries placing such orders and the value thereof in 1966-67 and 1967-68 ; and

(c) what steps are being taken to explore further foreign markets for such railway coaches and wagons ?