

**CEMENT FACTORY IN ASSAM**

1919. SHRI J. N. HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Cement Corporation of India to start a cement factory at Bokajan in Assam;

(b) if so, when the construction work is likely to commence; and

(c) the production capacity of the factory ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). Cement Corporation of India has not yet taken a final decision to start a cement factory at Bokajan (Assam). However, detailed prospecting operations are being undertaken by the Corporation to ascertain the availability of cement grade limestone reserves in the area. A final decision will depend on the results of these investigations which are in progress.

**IMPORT OF RAILS FROM U.S.A.**

1920. SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry placed an order with U.S. firms for the supply of 5 crores worth of rails in 1966; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**BALLARPUR COLLIERY**

1921. SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a loan was granted to the Ballarpur Colliery Company for purchase of machinery for use in their coal mines;

(b) whether the machinery was imported and involved foreign exchange; and

(c) if so, whether Government have verified the fact of its arrival and its use in the colliery for which it was obtained ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) The

Ballarpur Colliery Company obtained a loan from private bankers for purchase of mining machinery for use in their coal mines.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The work of verification in respect of the colliery is in progress.

**GHERAOS IN STEEL PLANTS**

1922. SHRI P. N. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases in which workers of the various steel plants resorted to 'geraos' during the last six months; and

(b) the action, if any, taken against the workers concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) : (a) There were approximately 147 cases of 'geraos' by the workers of the various steel plants during the last six months.

(b) Suitable disciplinary action has been taken by the Management of the Bhilai Steel Plant in one case. In other cases which took place at the Durgapur Steel Plant and Alloy Steels Project under Hindustan Steel Ltd. and in the Indian Iron & Steel Co., the Management did not consider it prudent to proceed against the workers in the context of the general industrial unrest in these areas.

**कल्याण स्टेशन के यार्ड में शंटिंग**

1923. श्री बसवन्त : क्या रेलवे मंत्रि यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य रेलवे (बम्बई) डिवीजन के कल्याण स्टेशन पर माल गाड़ियों के यार्ड में शंटिंग करते समय 1 जनवरी, 1966 से 30 अक्टूबर, 1967 तक की अवधि में कितने माल-डिब्बे दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुए;

(ख) इसके परिणामस्वरूप रेलवे सम्पत्ति की कितनी हानि होने का अनुमान है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि असावधानी से शंटिंग करने के कारण प्रति वर्ष काफ़ी हानि हो रही है;

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो क्या किसी को उत्तरदायी ठहराया गया है ; और