

has been concluded recently between the S.T.C. and an agency of the US Government.

4. Imports of cereals and some other agricultural commodities e.g. cotton are being made under PL-480 of U.S.A.

5. Certain Export Promotion Councils/Commodity Organisations have under their consideration proposals to set up overseas offices in U.S.A.

6. Co-operation of U.S. designers and consultants is being obtained to promote exports of certain products e.g. handloom textiles.

(b) & (c). The Government have no information about any agreement of this nature.

Electricity for Durgapur Steel Works

367. { Shri Buta Singh:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shri Kapur Singh:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Steel Ltd. have issued a contract valued at £1,2,00,000 to M/s. Greaves Cotton and Crompton, Parkinson, London, for an electric power distribution system for Durgapur Steel Works;

(b) if so, the terms of this contract;

(c) whether international tenders are invited for the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Hindustan Steel Ltd., have placed orders on M/s Greaves Cotton and Crompton Parkinson Ltd., Calcutta for power distribution system for expansion of Durgapur Steel Plant at a cost of Rs. 1484 million with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 8.59 million. The contract is for supply of plant, equipment and cables and also includes erection and Civil Engineering work.

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The order has been placed on the normal terms and conditions.

(c) and (d). Tenders were invited from firms in UK and India only. This is due to the fact that the foreign exchange cost of expansion of the plant is financed from out of a loan granted by the U.K. Government for the purpose.

बुनियादी तथा भारी उद्योगों में स्थानीय श्रमिकों की भर्ती

३६८. { श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :
श्री प्र० रं० चक्रवर्ती :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस बात का अध्ययन किया गया है कि बुनियादी और भारी उद्योगों की स्थापना का स्थानीय लोगों के रोजगार पर क्या असर पड़ता है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में जानकारी की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानूनीश्री) : (क) और (ख). जी, नहीं। योजना प्रायः नै भिलाई प्रदेश का जो सामाजिक-आर्थिक सर्वेक्षण किया था उससे पता चला है कि अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ भिलाई इस्पात कारखाने की स्थापना से स्थानीय लोगों के रोजगार पर क्या असर पड़ेगा। आवश्यक ब्योरा दर्शाने वाला निवर्ण सभा पटल पर रखा गया है [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया। देखिये संख्या एन टः—१८६६।६३]

H.M.T. Watches

369. Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people of cities and villages other than those where the sales of H.M.T.