

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.

watches are made have difficulty in getting the watches; and

(b) if so, whether the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. contemplate to sell the watches in State capitals and important cities for at least a limited period every year?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Due to limited production at present the watches manufactured by the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. are being sold from its offices and showrooms located at Bangalore, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras, Pinjore and Ernakulam. However, as production increases the selling organisation will also be expanded. The company is, for the present, making arrangements for opening about 24 sales offices and service centres in all the important cities of the country.

लंहे और इस्पात के मूल्य

३७०. श्री बाल्मीकी : क्या इस्पात, खान तथा भारी इंजीनियरिंग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अक्टूबर-नवम्बर, १९६३ में लंहे और इस्पात के मूल्य अधिक रहे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो मूल्यों में वृद्धि रोकने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठये हैं ?

इस्पात, खान तथा भारी इंजीनियरिंग मंत्री (श्री चि० सुब्रह्मण्यम) : (क) जी नहीं । लंहे और इस्पात के परिणियत विक्रय-मूल्यों में अक्टूबर और नवम्बर, १९६३ में संशोधन नहीं किया गया है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plants

371. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of steel ingots are lying unsold in the factory premises of Durgapur and Rourkela for the last one year; and

(b) if so, whether any arrangement has been made to sell them?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Accumulation of ingots at Durgapur and Rourkela has not exceeded 10000 to 15000 tonnes over normal requirements of the plants during the last year. Arrangements have already been made for the sale of these surplus ingots.

Refractories Plant

372. { Shri B. K. Das:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

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

(a) whether there is any scheme to set up refractories plant in Public Sector;

(b) if so, where this will be located;

(c) the requirement of refractories at present; and

(d) the source from which it is met?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, there is a proposal to set up a basic refractory plant in the public sector. The location has not so far been decided.