

with the Russian Agency for the preparation of the detailed project report has yet to be finalised. It may take about six months for them to prepare the project report after executing the contract. Meanwhile preliminary steps for selection of site etc. are being taken.

the transport of coal middlings from the Steel Project to Durgapur Thermal Power Station have resulted in an additional expenditure to the tune of some Rs. 8 lakhs to the Government; and

(b) if so, the circumstances thereof?

लघु उद्योग

- श्री लक्ष्मणेश्वर प्रसाद :
 श्री नि० रं० लासकर :
 श्री मोहन स्वरूप :
 श्री ह० च० सोय :
 श्री रतन लाल :
 श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करें कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय लघु उद्योग निगम ने हाल ही में अपनी जो रिपोर्ट दी है उसके अनुसार कई राज्यों में लघु उद्योगों का विकास सर्वथा असन्तोषजनक रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वे राज्य कौन से हैं और क्या उनकी असन्तोषजनक प्रगति के कारण समान हैं ; और

(ग) इन पिछड़े राज्यों में लघु उद्योगों के समुचित विकास के लिये सरकार क्या विशेष कदम उठा रही है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री कानूनगो) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग). प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Durgapur Steel Plant

383. Shri Maheswar Naik: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that difficulties in co-ordination between Durgapur Steel Project, the Damodar Valley Corporation and the Railways over a scheme to erect a conveyor for

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). I would invite the attention of the honorable members to para 15 of Report of Public Accounts Committee 1963-64 (15th Report) wherein this question was dealt with recently in detail.

Loans to Tea Estates

384. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for granting loans to tea estates for rehabilitation and modernisation of tea industry in the North-Eastern region during 1961, 1962 and 1963;

(b) the total amount actually given out on loan during the past two years and during the current year upto September;

(c) whether the tea estates are found to be disinterested in taking advantage of his loan; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) A scheme known as the Tea Plantation Finance Scheme for enabling the industry to carry out replantation/new plantation with loans from the Tea Board was put into operation by the Board in October, 1962. A revolving fund of Rs. 5 crores has been sanctioned for the purpose for the whole country including North Eastern region.

(b) The money is drawn by the borrowers in annual instalments against each phase of planting. While the actual amount disbursed by the Board