

एककों की अचल आस्तियों में अनुमानित विनियोजन 10 करोड़ रुपये हैं।

(ग) संगठित क्षेत्र के विभिन्न एककों को गत पांच वर्षों में आवश्यक विदेशी मुद्रा निम्नलिखित थी :—

1962-63	203.96 लाख रुपये
1963-64	231.52 लाख रुपये
1964-65	191.44 लाख रुपये
1965-66	8.73 लाख रुपये
1966-67	45.33 लाख रुपये

—जून 1966 से कच्ची खालों, बहेड़े के सत, तथा छिलका आदि का आयात खुले सामान्य लाइसेंस से होता है।

(इनमें से कुछ एकक चमड़े के जूते तथा चमड़े के सामान भी बना रहे हैं।)

DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

4329. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost likely to be incurred on the 7 man team of British experts arriving soon in India at his request to study Durgapur Steel Plant;

(b) why a team of foreign experts was considered necessary when Shri A. N. Banerji, Deputy Chairman of the Hindustan Steel, Ltd. said recently: "Durgapur Steel Plant is no longer a sick child. It is becoming healthier at a fast rate"; and

(c) whether there are no Indian experts to give advice and guidance on the working of the steel plants?

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

(a) In regard to the British Steel Corporation team which visited Durgapur in February 1968, the expenditure on travel to India and back and the salaries of the experts were borne by the Government of U.K. under the Colombo Plan. The experts were treated as guests of Hindustan Steel Limited and the amount spent during

their stay in India was approximately Rs. 6,700/-.

(b) the Team was entrusted with the work of appraising the equipment and technical assistance requirements of Durgapur to be provided from the United Kingdom, which support is considered necessary in order to hasten the recovery of the Plant.

(c) Maximum advantage is being taken of available Indian expertise in placing the working of the Plant on an even keel. In view, however, of the fact that our resources of specialist personnel are fully stretched in the Context of organising production of expanded plants as well as the Alloy Steel Plant on an efficient basis, it is considered that selective support from the United Kingdom by way of equipment and technical assistance requirements, is indispensable to ensure rapid recovery at the Durgapur Steel Plant.

IMPORT POLICY

4330. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : SHRI RAMACHANDRA ULAKA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import policy has been recently revised so as to include some additional items in the permissible list of imported items;

(b) if so what are the major modifications in the previous import policy; and

(c) how far the imports are likely to increase during 1968-69 as a result of the revised policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No major changes in the import policy announced for the period April, 1967-March, 1968 have been made in the recent past. Import policy for April, 1968-March, 1969 period is under review.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It cannot be estimated at this stage.

QUOTAS OF STAINLESS STEEL

4331. SHRI HIMATSINGKA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints with regard to the misuse

of quotas of stainless steel in the different States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the last one year; and

(c) the action taken by Government to prevent such misuse and provide for further deterrent punishment for such misuse?

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

(a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

ENGINEERING UNITS IN WEST BENGAL

4332. SHRI HIMATSINGKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the West Bengal Government to take over the management of the three engineering units in the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

भिण्ड-चिरगांव रेलवे लाइन

4333. श्री रामावतार शर्मा :

श्री यशवन्त सिंह कुशावाह :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भिण्ड से चिरगांव तक बरास्ता लहर भंडरे रेलवे लाइन बिछाने के लिये कोई सर्वेक्षण किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस प्रयोजनार्थ सर्वेक्षण कब करने का विचार है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री चे० मु० पुनाचा) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) जिस लाइन के निर्माण का सुझाव दिया गया है, उसे अनाभाव के कारण चौथी योजना की अवधि में बनाने के विचारार्थ समुचित अप्रता मिलने की संभावना नहीं है । अगर इस लाइन को सुदूर भविष्य में बनाने पर विचार करना ही है तो इसके लिए अब शुरू किया जाने वाला सर्वेक्षण पुराना पड़ जायेगा और सर्वेक्षण का खर्च निष्फल हो जायेगा जिसे रेलों वर्तमान विषम अर्थोपाय स्थिति में शायद बर्दाश्त नहीं कर सकती ।

ENGINEERING UNIT IN WEST BENGAL

4334. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Engineering units in West Bengal are lying closed or locked-out for several months.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the units concerned;

(c) whether Government had assured the State authorities of all possible assistance to get such units re-opened; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

BOKARO STEEL PLANT

4335. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether disturbances have been taking place at the Bokaro Steel Plant over the question of employment; and

(b) if so, the policy followed by the management regarding absorption of local people whose lands have been acquired for the project?