

major overhaul to make it fit for extensive work of this sort.

(c) The price quoted by the U.S.S.R. was competitive and payment terms were also sufficiently attractive.

Land for Bokaro Steel Plant

2364. **Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:** Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate land has been acquired for the Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) whether the acquirement of land is going according to the schedule; and

(c) the total acreage obtained free of cost and the amount of compensation paid for the acquired land?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) 3428 acres of forest and khas land belonging to the State Government has been obtained free of cost so far. The total compensation paid for the land acquired till the 31st August, 1965 is Rs. 15.42 million. A sum of Rs. 15.94 million has also been deposited during the same period.

Shortage of Wagon Supply

2365. { **Shri M. N. Swamy;**
Shri Kolla Venkalah;

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has complained against the shortage of wagon supply to move rice to the outside States; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to meet the situation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath): (a) A telegram dated 30th August 1965 was received from the Chief

Minister, Andhra Pradesh about it.

(b) The complaint was not substantiated as demands equal to less than a week's loading were only outstanding with the Railways as on 31st August, 1965. Furthermore, sufficient demands for movement of rice in bulk in block rakes for Kerala, as required under the programme drawn up between the Railways, the Food Corporation of India and the State Government, were not available on this date. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to have demands placed suitably for loading of more rice.

Phosphate Deposits in Andhra Pradesh

2366. { **Shri Kolla Venkalah;**
Shri M. N. Swamy;
Shri Laxmi Dass;

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

(a) whether there is any proposal for the exploitation of the reserves of phosphate deposits found around Vizianagram in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost involved?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) No, Sir. Two private parties are however already mining apatite in this area.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Sheet Glass

2367. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the manufacturers of sheet glass have sought any help from Government by way of subsidy to compensate the losses incurred by them on exports; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.