

ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

2018. SHRI D. AMAT : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Bonn propose to send German experts to probe into the Rourkela Steel Plant's problems; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to depute engineers and technicians to Rourkela to run the new units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). There is no proposal for the West German Government to send German Experts to probe into the problems of the Rourkela Steel Plant. Hindustan Steel Limited, have, however, contracted with a West German firm to depute three experts for a period of one month to study certain problems connected with raw materials. The services of some foreign technicians are also being secured by them through a German firm to ensure smooth commissioning, operation and maintenance of the new sophisticated units being set up under the programme of current expansion of the Plant.

MINE EXPLOSION IN RAJAHARA MINES

2019. SHRI D. AMAT : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any mine explosion in the Rajahara mines of Madhya Pradesh during November, 1967;

(b) if so, the number of workers injured; and

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for the explosion and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY) : (a) to (c). In November, 1967 there was no accident in the Rajahara Mines, but there was a blasting accident in the Jharandalli semi-mechanised mines in which 10 workers received very minor injuries. On inquiry, the incident was held to be a case of pure accident.

ALLOTMENT OF SCOOTERS TO M.Ps.

2020. SHRI ANANTRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received complaints from some Members of Parliament and others that the delivery of scooters is not done by the Bajaj Auto Works in accordance with the instructions issued by his Ministry;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) how many scooters were allotted to the Members of Parliament and how many were actually delivered during 1967 ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 120 Vespa scooters were allotted to the Members of Parliament during the year (1st December, 1966 to 30th November, 1967); 99 scooters were actually delivered during this period. The remaining Scooters could not be delivered for want of delivery instructions from the allottees.

NIGHT RUNNING OF TRAINS FROM BADARPUR TO LUMDING

2021. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to start night running of passenger trains from Badarpur to Lumding on North-east Frontier Railway in the near future; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No.

(b) For security reasons.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CACHAR

2022. SHRI JYOTSNA CHANDA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to start new sugar and Paper and Pulp Fac-