

(c) whether enquiries have been made into the deliberate destruction of the imported machines and if so, with what results ?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

4016. SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :

SHRI P. C. ADICHAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that while the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi requires the much needed experience to quickly gain efficiency, it is paradoxically avoiding fresh orders and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Heavy Engineering Corporation is not likely to be in a position to supply about 90,000 tons of machinery, equipment and structurals required by the Bokaro Steel project by 1970-71, and whether it is a fact that the HEC authorities are deriving consolation from the fact that the Bokaro itself is likely to be behind schedule by a year; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the total extent of orders for machines and equipments and structurals pending execution with the HEC and how far these orders are sufficient to keep the HEC mills working and what steps are being taken to secure additional orders ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) It is not a fact that HEC is avoiding fresh orders. Quotations are being submitted keeping in view the manufacturing facilities available, the orders already in hand and the preparatory and manufacturing cycle required.

(b) and (c). It is not a fact that HEC is not in a position to supply about 98,000

tonnes of equipments and structurals ordered by Bokaro Steel Plant. In fact, manufacture of most of the equipment is already in hand. As for the delivery schedule for supply of such equipment, many of which are extremely sophisticated, which are being manufactured in the country for the first time depends on a large number of factors, particularly the flow of design documentation, availability of steel plates and other raw materials and supply of imported components from the USSR. The HEC is making all efforts to supply various items to Bokaro as early as possible. The revised schedule of deliveries is being finalised in consultation with the Bokaro authorities. The total orders pending with Heavy Machine Building Plant as on 1-11-68 is for 91,470 tonnes of mechanical items and 34,456 tonnes of structurals and 45 machine tools in the Heavy Machine Tool Plant. These orders will keep the Heavy Machine Building Plant occupied upto 1971-72. However, capacity will be available for certain items of manufacture, particularly on some of the sophisticated equipment in this plant. As far as the Heavy Machine Tool Plant is concerned, the capacity is being built up and the position will vary for each model of machine tool.

Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

4017. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :

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SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi has by now missed at least three successive deadlines for the supply of machinery and equipment for the overall modernisation of a rolling mill in defence establishment; and

(b) if so, the main features of the machinery and equipment required to be supplied and the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) and