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SHRI NRRENDER KUMAR
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Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a West German delegation visited Rourkela Plant in Orissa in the second week of January, 1969 ;

(b) if so, the reasons of this visit ;

(c) whether the delegation has made any recommendations about the working of the Plant ; and

(d) if so, what are their recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This visit was a part of the programme of periodical exchange of views about the working and the expansion of Rourkela Steel Plant.

(c) and (d). The main recommendations of the Delegation related to the improvement in the supply of raw materials, installation of additional crushing facilities in the Sintering Plant and preparation of a scheme and organizational set-up for the proper maintenance of the Plant.

Export of Naphthalene

1761. SHRI N. K. SOMANI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Steel Ltd., exported naphthalene at Rs. 500.00 per tonne ;

(b) the quantity exported around this rate ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a part of the consignment exported by Hindustan Steel Ltd., has been re-imported into the country at a price of Rs. 1,800 per tonne ; and

(d) the reasons for exporting at a low price when the international price was around Rs. 1,800 to Rs. 2,000 and specially when the country needs to import naphthalene ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (d). The export of Naphthalene has been banned with effect from 30th November, 1967. Prior to this ban, Hindustan Steel Limited had exported small quantities of hot pressed naphthalene. The price realised in 1966-67 and 1967-68 was about Rs. 600 per tonne and the quantity exported in these two years was about 930 tonnes. The present import of naphthalene is insignificant. The exports were made at the best price available and to the extent production was surplus to indigenous demand. Government are not aware that a part of the naphthalene exported by Hindustan Steel Limited has been re-imported into the country at a higher price.

Increase in Production of Steel

1762. SHRI VISHWA NATH PANDEY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of Steel in all the Steel Plants has increased in the year 1968 ;

(b) if so, the details of production in