

by the British Steel Corporation Experts on Durgapur Steel Plant ;

(b) whether Government have completed the examination of the report ;

(c) decision taken thereon ;

(d) if the answer to part (b) be in the negative, when the examination is likely to be completed ; and

(e) the reasons for delay ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :** (a) to (e). The report of the British Steel Corporation Team in respect of Durgapur Steel Plant has been examined but before finalising Government's decision thereon it is proposed to hold discussions on the report with the British authorities in the near future.

#### Foreign Collaboration

2521. **SHRI M. N. REDDY :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which the foreign collaborators had evinced interest since he last made a statement to the effect that such applications would be disposed of within three months from the time of their receipt ;

(b) The number of applications received since he last made the statement together with the details ; and

(c) the number out of them which have been disposed of ?

**THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :** (a) to (c). The Foreign Investment Board was set up on the 10th December, 1968. Since then 17 new proposals for foreign collaboration have been received in the Secretariat of the Board. Fifteen proposals relate to the manufacture of Medical Accessories, Products based on bituminous material, Agricultural and Rubber Chemicals ; Inflatable Life-rafts ; Processing of Duck feathers into Down and De-Down ; Ladies' under Garments ; Complete plant for plastic extrusion and synthetic

fibre and filaments spinning ; Track maintenance Machines ; Automobile Power Take-off ; Precision surface Plates ; Small arms and Air weapons ; Prepegs and Premix ; Power Driven Pumps ; Boilers ; Heavy Structural ; and Cranes. Out of the two remaining proposals one relates to the construction of Tank Terminals at Ports and the other for Tapping of Underground water Resources. One of these proposals has since been disposed off.

#### Delay in supply of equipment of Bokaro Steel Project

2524. **SHRI M. N. REDDY :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd., and the Mining and Allied Machinery corporation are behind the schedule in effecting the timely delivery of conveyers and other various equipment for handling of blast furnace and other raw material required for the Bokaro Steel Project ;

(b) if so, whether any expeditious has been taken to remedy the situation ; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) :** (a) to (c). The Bokaro Steel Limited have ordered 10,485 tonnes of conveyor equipment, technological structures, pumps and other miscellaneous equipments direct on Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Ltd. The delivery schedule in respect of above has been a matter of detailed negotiations between the Bokaro Steel Ltd., and the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Ltd., and it has only been finalised now. In December 1968, a contract has been concluded between the above two Companies. MAMC is taking all steps to ensure that deliveries are not delayed beyond the dates now finalised with BSL. Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd., is not arranging the above supply for Bokaro from MAMC.

#### Loss of Wagons

2525. **SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 297 on the 12th November, 1968 and state :

(a) whether the question of fixing