

SHRI BENI SHANKER

SHARMA :

SHRI RANJIT SINGH :

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

(a) whether the expansion work of the Rourkela Steel Plant has been completed and if not, when this will be done ;

(b) when it is likely to reach the 1.8 million tonnes production capacity stage ;

(c) when it will have the facility of cold-rolled steel sheets ; and

(d) when it will turn out to be a profit yielding concern from the present stage of huge losses year after year ?

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

(a) and (b). The principal units forming part of the expansion of the Rourkela Steel Plant from 1.0 to 1.8 million tonnes ingot capacity have been installed, but the installation of certain essential facilities like Hot Scarfing Machine and its auxiliaries conversion of Dolomite Kiln to Lime Kiln is still in progress and would be completed by the end of 1969. The Plant is expected to reach the expanded capacity of 1.8 million ingot tonnes in 1970-71.

(c) Facilities for the manufacture of cold-rolled strips/sheets already existed even at the 1.00 m.t. stage.

(d) The Plant is expected to earn a profit during the year 1969-70.

Closure of Industrial Units in Okhla Delhi

2556. **SHRI D. N. PATODIA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of industrial units located in the Okhla Industrial Estate are facing closure and many of the units who had applied for allotment of land in the Estate have since surrendered their allotment letters for land ;

(b) whether Government have tried to find out the difficulties now being faced by the industrialists at Okhla and the steps

that have been taken to overcome the Difficulties ;

(c) whether any of the units have since been closed down ; and

(d) if so, their number and the causes for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Small Industries Corporation

2557. **SHRI D. N. PATODIA :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation has launched a hire purchase scheme for financial assistance to industrialists particularly those engaged in the small scale industries ;

(b) whether the Corporation has introduced such schemes in all the States and if not, the names of the States where it has been introduced ;

(c) the main features of the various types of assistance that the scheme is likely to offer to the Industrialists ; and

(d) the response of the industrialists to the scheme so far ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) The National Small Industries Corporation has a scheme under which machinery is supplied to small scale industrial units on hire purchase basis.

(b) The facility under the scheme is available in all the States and Union Territories.

(c) The main feature of the scheme is the supply of machinery to small scale units on an initial payment to the Corporation of 20% of the value of the machine and the balance in the course of five to seven years.

(d) Upto the 31st January 1969, 19993 machines valued at Rs. 34.62 crores have been distributed to over 8,000 units all over the country under the scheme.