

Issue of medical certificates to transferred Railway employees.

4296. **SHRI MOHAN SWARUP** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a ban on the Railway doctors to issue a certificate to employees direct at the time of periodical transfer, specially in connection with the serious illness of members of families of transferred employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the periodical transfers were not uniform and in cases where discrimination was made, the employees were required to submit appeals to the proper authorities and were compelled to move, without obtaining the opinion of Divisional Medical Authorities, under whom they were for treatment;

(c) if so, the number of such employees who were affected due to this forced move on transfer on the Northern Railway and the nature of casualties of the members of their families; and

(d) how their grievances were redressed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) No.

(b) No.

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

Production of Ingots, Blooms and Billets in Steel Plants

4297. **SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM** :
SHRI TENNETI VISWANATHAM :
SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI :

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SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
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SHRI D. R. PARMAR :
SHRI K. K. NAYAR :
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Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the finishing mills of the various main steel plants are operating at their full planned capacity;

(b) Whether ingots, blooms and billets are produced to the full capacity by each plant based on their performance of last 6 months; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof, plant-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The Statement at Annexure 'A' gives the half yearly capacity and production, plantwise of ingots, Semis for sale and finished steel, which is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in library. See No. LT-493/69].

(c) As regards shortfall in production with reference to capacities, it may be stated that in the case of TISCO, one of their Blast Furnaces was down for relining and in the case of IISCO, it had some labour troubles. As regards Hindustan Steel Plants, in Bhilai, there were capital repairs to the Blast Furnaces and Rail and Structural Mills. The plant was also rolling for exports to stringent specifications which resulted in a fall in the production. In Durgapur, there were labour troubles, mechanical troubles in Blooming and Billet Mills, repairs to Coke Ovens resulting in coke and gas shortage, relining of one Blast Furnace etc. In Rourkela, gradual commissioning of the expansion units and resultant teething troubles, repairs to Slabbing Mills, H. R. Strip Mills, pickling lines, relining of one Blast Furnace etc. were responsible for shortfalls in production.

Production of Semis and Finished Steel

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