

(d) The defects have arisen as a result of improper seating of girders over the bearing plates.

(e) Repairs to one out of the 13 bridges have been carried out and appear to be holding well. Further repairs are being programmed on all the remaining bridges on the same lines and are expected to be completed by 30.6.71.

Production of Sleepers in Durgapur Steel Plant

3216. SHRI SATYA NARAIN SINGH :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :
SHRI B. K. MODAK :

	1965	1966	1967	1968
(a) Production of sleepers (tonnes)	70858	59050	54184	63036
(b) Sleepers supplied to Railways (tonnes)	68191	52133	55295	61700
(c) Sleepers classed as second class (Tonnes)	8468	8595	3393	5168
Sleepers rejected (Tonnes)	741	853	2979	2047

Note :— 100 Sleepers weigh 7.76 tonnes approximately.

(d) The estimated loss due to production of Second Class and defective sleepers instead of first class sleepers during the period 1965 to 1968 is approximately Rs. 43 lakhs on the basis of the difference between the price of first class sleepers and the price of second class/defective sleepers.

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3217. SHRI P. RAMAMURTI :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :
SHRI GANESH GHOSH :
SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the working result of the Durgapur Steel Plant changed from profit to loss in 1967 and 1968 ;

(b) whether Government have examined the reasons; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by Government thereon ?

SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :

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

(a) the total production of sleepers during 1965 to 1968 in the Durgapur Steel Plant, year-wise ;

(b) the total number of sleepers supplied to Railways during the same period ;

(c) the number of sleepers found defective, second class and the number of sleepers which have been rejected on inspection ; and

(d) the total loss incurred thereby ?

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

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

(a) The Durgapur Steel Plant made a profit of Rs. 53 lakhs in 1964-65. Since 1965-66, however, the Plant has been incurring losses.

(b and c). A one-man Expert Committee under Shri G Pande was constituted in 1966 to go into all aspects of the working of the Plant. On the basis of the recommendations of the Pande Committee certain remedial measures have already been taken. Further, a Technical Team of the British Steel Corporation also visited the Plant and reviewed its working early last year and made a number of recommendations. Steps are being taken to improve the working of the Plant as recommended by this Team. After all this, real improvement in terms of production depends largely on the restoration of normalcy of industrial relations in the Durgapur Steel Plant.

Platform at Paravur Railway Station

3218. SHRI VISWANATHA MENON :
SHRI P. P. ESTHOSE :
SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :