

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). A contract has been signed by Bokaro Steel Ltd., with H. E. C. on 9th April, 1969, which clearly stipulates the delivery schedule in respect of plant and equipment, and structurals to be supplied to Bokaro Steel Ltd., Supplies against this contract have so far been satisfactory. Regarding equipment to be procured from the private sector, some difficulties about the timely supply of refractories by indigenous manufacturers had come to notice and imports of about 18,000 tonnes have been allowed to keep to the schedule. The matter is being kept under constant review by Bokaro Steel Ltd. and corrective action taken, where necessary.

**File regarding resumption of Cantonment
Land held by Bhargava Brothers
of Lucknow**

274. SHRI JAI SINGH :
SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :
SHRI YAJNA DATT
SHARMA :

Will the Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any investigations has been made as to how the file pertaining to the resumption of Cantonment land held by Bhargava Brothers of Lucknow reached his Ministry; and

(b) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI GOVINDA MENON) : (a) The file relating to the resumption of cantonment land held by Bhargava Brothers of Lucknow was received by the Law Ministry from the Ministry of Defence for advice on several occasions since the year 1967 and hence the question of making any investigation as to how the file reached this Ministry does not arise.

(b) Does not arise.

Smooth functioning of Durgapur Steel Plant

275. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI B. R. DASCHOWDHURY :
SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR :

DR. RANEN SEN :
SHRI DEVEN SEN :
SHRI RABI RAY :
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI N. K. SOMANI :
SHRI BHOLA NATH MASTER :

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

(a) whether he held a series of discussions with the Chief Minister of West Bengal, the management and the labour representatives of the Durgapur Steel Plant in order to ensure a smooth functioning of the Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions and to what extent the discussions have helped to improve the situation in the Plant; and

(c) whether the loss per day on the Plant has been reduced as compared to the position three months back?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) and (b). During the course of my visit to Calcutta and Durgapur in the early part of June, I held general discussions with the Deputy Chief Minister of West Bengal, the Management and some labour representatives of the Durgapur Steel Plant so as to understand the problem and to solicit the assistance of the State Government.

(c) The average loss in the 2nd quarter of the calendar year is expected to be more than that of the previous quarter.

**Supply of Wagons for Transporting Food-
Grains and Fodder to Rajasthan**

276. SHRI D.N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Rajasthan have approached his Ministry to provide adequate number of wagons for transporting foodgrains and fodder for the famine affected areas of Rajasthan;