

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) जी नहीं।

(ङ) जी नहीं। टूंडला-दिल्ली खण्ड का विद्युतिकरण चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में अन्तिम रूप से शामिल कर लिया गया है और इस योजना के वित्तीय फलितार्थों की जांच की जा रही है।

(च) जिन रेल लाइनों का विद्युतिकरण किया गया है, विभिन्न राज्यों में उनके मार्ग की लम्बाई इस प्रकार है—

मद्रास 163 कि०मी०

उत्तर प्रदेश 356 कि०मी०

हरयाणा कुछ नहीं

राजस्थान कुछ नहीं।

Sale of Polythene by Asian Cables

2318. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have completed investigation into the charges made against the Asian Cables of K. P. Goenka about the sale of excess imports of polythene at higher prices in violation of the Rules;

(b) whether inquiry into the loaning or sale of the imported raw material like copper etc. by this Company, in violation of Rules, has also been made;

(c) if so, the results thereof;

(d) whether Government have taken action against those who gave diversification permission to this Company, again, in violation of Rules; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). The case is still under investigation.

(d) and (e). As I had mentioned in my statement in reply to "Calling Attention Notice" on 22. 8. 69, the Director-General had dealt with the proposal himself in consul-

tation with one of his senior officers, and given the permission sought, in accordance with the rules. Hence, the question of taking any action does not arise.

Plans for Increasing Steel Production

2319. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of steel and steel products throughout the world;

(b) whether the private sector was not predicting a glut of steel products only a couple of years ago demanding cut back in steel outlay;

(c) whether Government did not fall a prey to this propaganda ; and

(d) what are their plans for increasing steel production in the public and private sector in order to meet this shortage ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir. This is indicated by the steel rise of world prices of steel and by longer delivery dates quoted in the international market.

(b) Certain views to this effect were expressed.

(c) No, Sir. Planning for steel was undertaken even before the recent world shortage.

(d) The proposed programme for increasing the steel production capacity in the country is given below :

1. Completion of the projects already in hand and attainment of optimum output from the existing facilities through introduction of technological improvements, additional balancing and finishing facilities.
2. Continuation of Bokaro to 4 Million Tonnes stage;
3. Bhilai's expansion to 4.2 million tonnes for the production of billets and plates.