

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL & HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir. 50 tonnes of coils and plates supplied by Heavy Engineering Corporation for the first blast furnace of the Bokaro Steel Plant were rejected by the Bokaro Steel Plant as they were not according to the specifications in respect of thickness.

(b) No, Sir. The defects in specifications were noticed only when they were being assembled at the site for erection; and

(c) Since the replacement of this item of equipment by Heavy Engineering Corporation according to correct specifications will not involve any delay in the overall commissioning of the blast furnace complex, no delay on this account is involved.

Establishment of a Factory in Collaboration with U.S. Firm for production of Colour Film

333. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to establish a plant for manufacturing colour film in collaboration with some firm from the United States;

(b) if so, the name of the firm and the terms of collaboration proposed by the firm;

(c) which other countries have submitted proposal for the manufacture of colour film and the salient features of their proposals; and

(d) by what date the negotiations would be concluded ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (d). The question of setting up the manufacture of colour film in India, the foreign collaboration necessary, the technical know-how and other

assistance to be secured for the purpose, and the question or terms therefor are still under Government's consideration.

Demand of Cycle Manufacturers for increase in price of Bicycles

334. SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-DHURY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cycle Manufacturers Associations of India has submitted to Government a representation for permission to increase the price of bicycles by Rs 16/- per bicycle consequent on the increase in the prices of certain bought-out items;

(b) if so, the main features of the representation, especially the reasons for the demand for raising the price by Rs. 16/- per bicycle; and

(c) Government's reaction to the request of the Cycle Manufacturers Association ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c) The Cycle Manufacturers' Association of India have made a request for an increase in price of Rs. 16 per bicycle. They have stated that this increase has been necessitated on account of an increase in the price of raw materials and bought-out components. This request is under examination.

Closure of Companies Registered under Companies Act

335. SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-DHURI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of companies which had been registered under the Companies Act, ceased working