

(c) Frequent changes do dislocate the functioning of vital and complex plant like the HEC. But these change become inescapable. It is proposed to avoid such changes in future as far as possible through the building of a regular cadre for senior posts in the HEC.

Site for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

384. SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the site for the proposed Steel Plant in Visakhapatnam has been selected ; and

(b) if so, the name of the place and the basis for its selection ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No, Sir, but this is likely to be done before the end of this month.

(b) Does not arise.

Muster-Roll Employees in Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

385. SHRI P. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Muster-roll employees who have been employed in the various units of Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi since 1968 ;

(b) how many of these Muster-roll employees have been put against regular posts till now ;

(c) the total number of adivasi employees who are working on Muster-Roll ; and

(d) the norms and conditions fixed for appointing the Muster-Roll employees in regular posts ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI

QURESHI): (a) Total number of muster-roll employees employed in Heavy Engineering Corporation from 1.1.68 to 30.6.70 is 1180.

(b) Number of employees out of these who have been put against regular posts is 109 ;

(c) Total number of Adivasi employees working on muster roll is 914.

(d) As per the existing policy, the procedure detailed below is being followed in the matter of regularisation of services of muster roll workers :

(i) *Skilled and semi-skilled posts*—Regular appointments in appropriate scales of pay are given after the incumbents complete twelve months continuous service satisfactorily ;

(ii) *Unskilled posts*—Regularisation of muster roll workers under these categories is given effect to after the persons complete three years continuous service satisfactorily.

Railway Divisional Office Rangiya (Assam)

386. SHRI HEM BARUA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to have a Railway Divisional Office at Rangiya, Assam ; and

(b) if so, whether work in the matter has already been started, and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) and (b). Government have decided to set up a Divisional Headquarters at Rangiya, provided suitable land is made available for the purpose by the Government of Assam. The sites so far offered by the Assam Government have been inspected but they have not been found suitable for locating a Divisional Headquarters.

Work will be started after suitable land is made available.