

develop small scale industries in backward regions ; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

### Effect of Industrial Growth

4576. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GAR-CHA :

SHRI N. R. LASKAR :  
SHRI MAYAVAN :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made on the 13th November, 1970 at New Delhi by the President of the International Chamber of Commerce to the effect that only a higher rate of growth of industry would solve the country's economic problems ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he suggested to the Government to take advance policy action and called for a fresh examination of the assumptions behind the tax policy ;

(c) what other suggestions were made by the Seminar on "Economic growth in Sixties and projections for Seventies" held recently ; and

(d) the re-action of Government of India thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Various general suggestions have been made in the Seminar, similar suggestions having been made in other forums also. These suggestions have been, first, that the raw materials shortage, particularly of

steel, has to be solved ; secondly, various controls on the private sector removed ; thirdly, that delays in processing of applications minimised ; fourthly, import of foreign technology permitted on more wide spread basis ; fifthly, the burden of taxation reduced ; and finally, production encouraged on a very large scale (in order to take advantage of the latest technology), and the present restrictions on increased production or diversification by very large units removed.

2. Some of the problems highlighted are under active consideration of Government and an attempt is being made to solve the problem of shortage of raw materials and of steel by liberal import wherever domestic production is not adequate ; and attempts are also being made to expedite consideration of applications for licences under the Industries Act as also import licences for capital goods and other materials. In regard to the other issues, Government has to take note of the overall needs of the economy, the need to encourage small scale industries in the interest of more wide spread employment and use of labour intensive rather than capital intensive techniques of production, and various other considerations, such as the need to raise adequate resources for plan development and for investment in infra structure facilities and other essential investments required for the growth of the economy.

### Fire in the Foundry Forge Plant of H. E. C., Ranchi

4577. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a fire in the Foundry Forge Plant of the Heavy Engineering Corporation at Ranchi ;

(b) if so, date when this happened, the nature and extent of damage and loss in rupees on this account ; and

(c) the nature of action taken against those responsible for this accident with names of persons, if any, arrested in this connection ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL & HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). There was an electrical fire in the substation of one of the shops of the Foundry Forge Plant of Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi on the 16th October, 1970 causing a loss of Rs. 15,000. The fire was due to a short circuit.

(c) No individual could be held responsible for this incident.

#### Accidents in H. E. C., Ranchi

4578. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of accidents that occurred in H. E. C., Ranchi due to sabotage, negligence and similar to causes, from January, 1968 to November, 1970 with total loss in rupees to Government ; and

(b) the steps taken to prevent such accidents ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL & HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Consultancy Charges paid to Foreign Firms by H. E. C., Ranchi

4579. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state the names of foreign firms to whom consultancy charges were paid by the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi during the last two years with exact amounts paid to each firm ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL & HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) ;

The information is as Under :

	1968-69	1969-70
	Rs.	Rs.
Messrs. Skoda-export, Pregel, Czechoslovakia	371,497.12	3,80,341.87
Messrs. Japan Consulting Institute	302,000	Nil

#### Orders Placed with Project Department of H. E. C. by Delhi Municipal Corporation

4580. SHRI BABURAO PATEL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Municipal Corporation placed orders with the Project Department of Heavy Engineering Corporation ; and

(b) if so, nature and value of orders placed with specific reasons for not accepting them ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL & HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Cost of Production of Mild Steel Ingot in Electric Furnaces and Main Steel Plants

4581. SHRI GAJRAJ SINGH RAO : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the average cost of producing Mild Steel Ingots in electric furnaces and main steel plants ; and

(b) the total output of M. S. Ingots/billets, Steel Castings and Special Steel by electric furnaces during April, 1969—March, 1970 and April, 1970—September, 1970 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.