

में कोई विलम्ब नहीं होता। लेकिन कभी-कभी अधीनस्थ यूनिटों द्वारा समयोपरि वाउचर विलम्ब से भेजे जाने के कारण या दी गई सूचना अघूरी या गलत होने के कारण, कुछ विलम्ब हो जाता है। बहरहाल, समयोपरि भत्ते का समय पर भुगतान करने के लिये लगातार प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं।

Shortage of Steel in Engineering and Industrial units

4613. SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a severe shortage of steel in the country which has adversely affected production of several engineering and other industrial units ;

(b) whether early in November, 1970 the Bombay stock-yards of Hindustan Steel Limited

had stocks of over 15,000 tonnes, including 4,000 tonnes of imported C.R.C.A. sheets ;

(c) whether Bombay stockyards of Indian Iron and Tata Iron also had stocks of over 7,000 tonnes and 3,500 tonnes respectively ;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to ensure proper distribution of steel considering the shortage of steel in the country ; and

(e) whether Government are also considering not to bring more products under distribution control ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The stock position of steel material in the Bombay stockyards of Hindustan Steel Limited during the month of November, 1970 is given below :

(In tonnes)

Closing stock as on	Pig Iron	Other Steel materials	Alloy Steel materials	Imported materials		
				Plates	Sheets	Coils
1.11.1970	3,535	4,272	138	1,533	3,981	1,543
15.11.1970	2,583	6,238	371	1,160	3,981	1,386
30.11.1970	1,952	7,169	403	809	3,931	1,338

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e). The distribution policy of steel has been streamlined and nationalised taking into account the present shortage of practically all categories of steel. Supplies of steel are made mostly against allocations by the Steel Priority Committee so as to ensure balanced distribution.

Import of Steel by M/s. Hindustan Steel Limited

4614. SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state the value and quantity of steel imported according to main categories by Messrs. Hindustan Steel Limited so far during 1970-71, and the value

and quantity expected to be imported during the remaining months of the year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : The value and quantity of steel imported by Hindustan Steel Limited during April, 1970 to November, 1970 are as below :

C. R. Sheets	14,556 M. T.
C. R. Coils	3,459 „
Plates	12,701 „

Approximate value for the above imports is Rs. 4.78 crores.

During remaining months of 1970-71 Hindustan Steel Limited is expected to import 129,065 tonnes valued at approximately Rs. 16.31 crores.