

MR. SPEAKER : Papers laid.

SHRI K. S. CHAVDA : I have given in writing that I want to raise an important matter—about finding Rs. 80 lakhs in a locker...

MR. SPEAKER : Without my permission you cannot raise it.

12.41 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

REVIEW AND ANNUAL REPORT OF MADRAS FERTILIZERS LTD., MADRAS

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 :—

- (1) Review by the Government on the working of the Madras Fertilizers Limited, Madras, for the year 1969-70.
- (2) Annual Report of the Madras Fertilizers Limited, Madras, for the year 1969-70 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-684/71].

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

SECOND REPORT

SHRI K. N. TIWARY (Bettiah) : I present the second Report of the Estimates Committee on the Ministry of Shipping and Transport—Tuticorin and Mangalore Ports.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE FIFTH REPORT

DR. LAXMINARAIN PANDEY (Mandsaur) : I present the Fifth Report of

the Public Accounts Committee regarding Audit Report (Civil) 1970 relating to the Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development.

12.42 hrs.

STATEMENT RE. COLLAPSE OF A PORTION OF STEEL MELTING SHOP OF ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMAR-MANGALAM) : Sir, I regret to have to report to the House a major mishap that occurred in the Rourkela Steel Plant on the night of the 11th/12th July, 1971. Following heavy and incessant rain for about two hours, a part of the roof structure of the Steel Melting Shop over a length of about 150 metres collapsed round that midnight. One worker lost his life and 13 workers received injuries.

I have personally been to the Steel Plant on the 17th instant to see the damage and discuss the problems direct with the Management.

The structure that has collapsed is part of the roof covering the pit side, the charging bay and the mixer bay of the L. D. Converters. Out of a total roof area of 38,000 sq. metres in the Steel Melting Shop the damage covers an area of about 10,000 sq. metres. The roof sheeting as well as the roof trusses and the roof legs in this area have collapsed but the main columns do not appear to have been damaged. Nine of the cranes in this area, the lime conveyor belt system, the oxygen line and the water and the steam lines have suffered damage and some of this is quite serious. There appears to be no damage to the converters themselves or to any other equipment in the Steel Melting Shop. The area covering the 4 open hearth furnaces is intact.

Production in the Steel Melting Shop came to an immediate halt as a result of the accident. In view of the consequent lack of off-take of hot metal, two blast furnaces were banked and only the other two continued to operate. Coke oven pushing also came down. Subsequently, coke oven