

# LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, February 27, 1975/Phalguna  
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

### WELCOME TO THE MONGOLIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable members, at the outset, I have to make an announcement.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the hon. members of the House, I have great pleasure in welcoming Mr. Tsendendambyn Gotev, M.P., Secretary of the Presidium of the Great People's Hural of the Mongolian People's Republic and the hon. members of the Mongolian Parliamentary Delegation who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests. The other members of the delegation are:

1. Mr. Dendeviin Oidov, MP.
2. Mrs. Gochogiin Dulma, MP.
3. Mr. Sharavdorjin Jandanbaa, MP.
4. Mr. Luvsan Rinchin Officials
5. Mr. Otogom

The Leader of the Delegation arrived yesterday evening and the other members of the Delegation arrived this morning and will be in India till the 5th of March. They are now seated in the Special Box. We wish them a happy and fruitful stay in our country. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the  
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Parliament, Government and the People of Mongolia.

### Durgapur Steel Plant

\*141. SHRI M. S. PURTY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Durgapur Steel Plant has been working below its capacity;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

### Statement

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b). The main reasons are:—
  - (i) Adverse industrial relations;
  - (ii) Deterioration in condition of coke oven batteries.
  - (iii) Lack of adequate maintenance of various items of equipment in the past; and
  - (iv) Inadequate availability of power during 1973-74 and the early part of 1974-75.
- (c) Close and constant liaison is maintained with the Ministry of Energy and the authorities of D.V.C. to ensure maximum supply of power. Similar liaison is maintained with the Ministry of Railways to ensure that difficulties in regard to rail movement do not hamper production in any way and with the Department of Coal to ensure adequate and timely supply of coking coal to the steel plant. The question of augmenting