

[Sardar Swaran Singh]

Engineer, Mr. Peterenko. Mr. Peterenko was one of the principal deputies of the Soviet Chief Engineer responsible for the construction of the Bhilai steel works. He was in charge of the erection of steel structures and the installation of machinery. In the course of his duties he had gone, on the morning of the 22nd February, 1960 at about 8 o'clock, to the rail and structural mill where erection was in progress. He was supervising the erection of equipment along with three other Soviet experts. He was standing near a heavy steel door which had recently been placed in position and held by temporary fastenings. While he was watching the work of erection of the machinery with his back towards the door, the door was moved by some of the workmen to facilitate the erection of the equipment. During this movement the door got dislodged from its temporary fastenings and fell on to the side on which Mr. Peterenko was standing. The three other Soviet experts and the Indian workers who were facing the door heard the shouts of the men who were working on the door, saw the door tilt and were able to run away in time. But before Mr. Peterenko could get out of the way of the falling door a corner of it hit him on the head. He fell into one of the foundations and received injuries on the head and chest. He was immediately removed to the hospital but he expired on the way. The police were informed of the accident and necessary investigations carried out. In deference to the wishes of the members of the family of the deceased, the body has been preserved and is being flown by a special air-craft today to Delhi from where it will be taken to Moscow.

The late Mr. Peterenko leaves behind him a wife, a son, a daughter and her husband. The wife, daughter and her husband who are all in Bhilai will accompany the body to Moscow.

Unassuming and cheerful in disposition, the late Mr. Peterenko was able to harmonise the work of Soviet tech-

nicians and Indian Engineers. The Government of India have lost in him a hard working, conscientious and devoted senior Engineer.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: A reference may be made from the Chair, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: We are exceedingly sorry that this accident should have occurred and one of the engineers who had come from a foreign country and doing very good work here should have passed away under these circumstances.

CORRECTION OF REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 604

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): I beg to make a statement correcting the reply given on the 4th December, 1959 to part (c) Starred Question No. 604 asked by Shri Ram Krishan Gupta and some other Members. The figure of expenditure "Rs. 45,09,273/- (upto 31-10-1959)" may please be corrected to read as "Rs. 37,90,952/- (upto 31-10-1959)".

APPROPRIATION BILL

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1959-60.

Shri Naushir Bharucha (East Khadesh): Why was the Bill not circulated before introduction? I raised this point on a previous occasion and you were pleased to rule, Sir, that 2 days before introduction of the Bill should be circulated. I find your directions are being flouted by the Minister. How are we to know whether any preliminary objection is to be raised or not?