

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). The question of projection of demand for steel during the next 10 years, is at present under examination. Only after the additional capacities of steel required to be set up is assessed, location studies can be taken up.

**Setting up of Steel Plant at
Visakhapatnam**

35. SHRI ESWARA REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the setting up of a Public Sector Steel Plant at Visakhapatnam ;

(b) the details and estimates of the works to be completed during the years 1971 and 1972 ; and

(c) the time by which the project is expected to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Government have approved the recommendations of the Site Selection Committee for the location of the Steel Plant at Balacheruvu, about 25 km from Visakhapatnam. On the joint recommendation of the Central Engineering and Design Bureau of Hindustan Steel Limited and M/s. M. M. Dastur and Co. (P) Limited, acting in their capacity as General Consultants to Government, an area of 8,400 acres for the plant proper and another 840 acres for the balancing reservoir have been demarcated and the State Government have been advised to notify these areas under Section 4(1) of the Land Acquisition Act. M/s. M. N. Dastur and Co. have been entrusted with the work of preparation of the Techno-economic Feasibility Report for a 2 million tonne integrated steel plant and their report is expected by November, 1971. The Committee on Coal and the Committee on Raw Materials other than Coal and Iron Ore have also completed their Reports. The Report of the Committee on Iron Ore is expected shortly. The Survey of India have been requested to undertake the topographical survey of the project area. A proposal for the supply of water to the

Visakhapatnam Project by tapping the Godavari River (at a distance of about 20⁰ km. from plant site) prepared by the State Government, is under examination. The Railways have also been requested to take up survey work for provision of marshalling and exchange yards, railway sidings etc.

(b) The expenditure during the years 1971 and 1972 will be mainly on account of preparation of the Techno-economic Feasibility Report and the Detailed Project Report, site survey work, land acquisition costs, preliminary site and enabling work and for such initial work as may be required for the development of township, and water and power supply systems etc.

(c) It is too early to indicate the date by which the project will be completed. After the receipt of the Feasibility Report a tentative time schedule will be drawn up for completion of the Project.

Claims Preferred against Railways

36. DR. KARNI SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number and amount of claims preferred against the Railways during the last three years for damages in respect of theft or damage to goods in transit ;

(b) the total number of cases decided against the Railways ; and

(c) the total amount of damages decreed against the Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Statistics of claims for compensation maintained by the Zonal Railways do not indicate separately as to how many claims have been preferred on account of thefts or damage to goods in transit. Also in several claims no amount is mentioned. Therefore, the total amount in respect of the total number of claims is also not ascertainable. The total number of claims preferred against the Railways due to all causes is as follows :

Year	Total No. of new claims received
	Rs.
1967-68	7,03,424
1968-69	7,20,036
1969-70	7,00,082

(b) The number of cases in which Railways paid compensation during the last three years is given below :

Year	Number of claims paid
1967-68	3,64,647
1968-69	4,10,394
1969-70	4,01,667

(c) The amount paid on account of court cases arising out of claims for compensation during the last three years was as under :

Year	Amount paid on account of court cases
	Rs.
1967-68	71,72,705
1968-69	79,35,050
1969-70	92,28,375

हरियाला रेलवे स्टेशन (उत्तर रेलवे)

**पर ओवर हेड वाटर टैंक से
पिने के पानी की सप्लाई**

37. श्री मुल्की राज सैनी : क्या रेलवे मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह मंच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के देहरादून जिले के हरियाला रेलवे स्टेशन पर पीने के पानी की सप्लाई के लिए ओवर हेड वाटर टैंक का निर्माण काफी पहले से पूरा हो चुका है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पानी की सप्लाई में किसका क्या कारण है ; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार का क्या व्यवस्था करने का विचार है ?

रेलवे मन्त्री (श्री हनुमन्तसिंघा) : (क) और (ख). हरियाला स्टेशन पर पीने के पानी की सप्लाई के लिए 1600 गैलन क्षमता की एक ऊपरी टंकी का निर्माण अक्टूबर, 1970 में पूरा कर लिया गया था। लेकिन पानी के कनेक्शन के अभाव में टंकी को वास्तु नहीं

किया जा सका। लेकिन सरकार का हाइड्रो-इलेक्ट्रिक विभाग देहरादून के नगरपालिका बोर्ड की सप्लाई से रेलवे को पानी का कनेक्शन देने पर सहमत हो गया था लेकिन बाद में उन्होंने यह कह कर इंकार कर दिया कि नगरपालिका के उप-नियमों के अधीन उप-कनेक्शन देना अनुमत नहीं है।

(ग) तदुपरान्त रेलवे ने नगरपालिका मैन से सीधा कनेक्शन देने के लिए देहरादून की नगरपालिका से बातचीत की। जब यह कनेक्शन मिल जायेगा, इस ऊपरी टंकी का उपयोग शुरू कर दिया जायेगा।

**Wage Board Award to the Employees of
Tannery and Footwear Corporation of
India Ltd. Kanpur**

38. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the employees working in the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited, Kanpur have not been paid my amount as per Wage Board Award ;

(b) if so, the total number of such employees ; and

(c) the reasons for not paying them ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY) : (a) Payment has been made to all the employees who were eligible for such payment.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Production in Durgapur Steel Plant

39. SHRI G. VISWANATHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the target of production in Durgapur Steel Plant for the year 1969-70 ; and

(b) whether there was a shortfall in the production and if so, the steps taken to increase it ?