

lists regarding the suggestions referred to in part (d) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For categories of sheets which the Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur can produce, condition of furnishing non-availability certificate from the HSL, Alloy Steel Division, has been incorporated in the Import Policy for 1968-69.

(c) No, Sir. The procedure is well set out and there is no scope for harassment.

(d) No, Sir, as in respect of S. S. sheets, there is only one producer.

(e) Yes, Sir.

**CALLING OF TENDERS FOR COAL SUPPLY TO RAILWAYS**

\*476. SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :  
SHRI B. K. MODAK :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway authorities are considering to call tenders for the supply of coal to Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the National Coal Development Corporation is in a position to meet the full requirements of coal to the Railways;

(d) if so, whether the Railway authorities have approached the N.C.D.C. for the supply of coal directly; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a). Railways had recently called for tenders for supply of coal to the Railways for the period July, 1968 to June 1969.

(b) Calling of tenders is the normal procedure for purchase of stores including coal.

(c) No, Sir. The National Coal Development Corporation can supply

only a portion of Railways' requirements.

(d) and (e). Maximum quantities of the requisite quality of coal as offered by the National Coal Development Corporation are procured by the Railways.

**EXTENSION OF B.G. RAILWAY LINE UPTO GAUHATI**

\*477. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA :  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision on the question of extension of the broadgauge line upto Gauhati;

(b) whether in view of the great transport difficulty in Assam, the extension of the line further has been considered; and

(c) whether any such request has been received from the Government of Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a). Not yet, Sir. The question is still under study.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir.

**TAKING OVER OF RAILWAY IN GOA**

\*478. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9930 on the 7th May, 1968, and state :

(a) whether the dispute between the Railway Board and the Mormugao Port Trust over the transfer of railway in Goa to the Government of India has been examined by the Ministry of Law;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) to (c). The matter is sub judice.

**DURGAPUR GROUP OF INDUSTRIES**

\*479. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the capital invested (in Rupees) so far in each of the Durgapur Group of Industries owned by the West Bengal Government.

(b) the total amount of profit or loss incurred by each of the Durgapur Group of Industries from 1960-61 to 19567-68, year-wise; and

(c) the steps, if any, which have been or are being taken by Government to run these industries on a profitable basis ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) :

(a) to (c). The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

#### इस्पात कारखानों की स्थापना

\* 480. श्री ओम प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या इस्पात, खान तथा धातु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय इंजीनियर अब इस्पात कारखाने को सफलतापूर्वक लगा सकते हैं और उन्हें कुशलतापूर्वक चला सकते हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार दुर्गापुर तथा रूरकेला इस्पात कारखानों के विस्तार कार्य में और बोकारो इस्पात कारखाने की स्थापना में ब्रिटिश, जर्मन तथा रूसी इंजीनियरों की सहायता क्यों ले रही है और इस तरह से भारतीय इंजीनियरों को क्यों निरुत्साहित कर रही है।

इस्पात, खान तथा धातु मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्र० च० सेठ) : (क) और (ख). हिन्दुस्तान स्टील लिमिटेड राउरकेला और दुर्गापुर इस्पात कारखानों के वर्तमान विस्तार के लिये विस्तृत प्रायोजना प्रतिवेदन हिन्दुस्तान स्टील लिमिटेड के केन्द्रीय इंजीनियरी और रूपांकन कक्ष द्वारा तैयार किये गये थे जिन्होंने इनका रूपांकन और इंजिनियरी संबंधी काम भी किया था। इस काम के लिये तथा उत्पादन के लिये भी विदेशी विशेषज्ञों की यथा संभव कम से कम सहायता ली गई, क्योंकि

कुछ आधुनिकतम और काफी जटिल किस्म की इकाइयां लगाई गई थीं जैसे दुर्गापुर की स्केल्प मिल और राउरकेला की फाइल व स्टेण्ड टैण्डम मिल, इलेक्ट्रोलिटिक टिनिंग लाइन, गैल्वेनाइजिंग लाइन तथा इलेक्ट्रिकल शोट मिल, जिनका हमें पहले कोई अनुभव नहीं था।

बोकारो इस्पात कारखाने के लिये विस्तृत प्रायोजना प्रतिवेदन रूस के मैसर्स त्याज प्रोमेक्सपोर्ट ने तैयार किया है। वे इस के रूपांकन और इंजीनियरी संबंधी कार्यों (भारतीय फर्म को सौंपे गये काम को छोड़कर) शेष और देश में बनाए जाने वाले संयंत्रों और उपकरणों को छोड़कर शेष उपकरणों और संयंत्रों की पूर्ति के लिये भी उत्तरदायी है। उपकरणों के संभरक और परामर्शदाता होने और इस्पात कारखाने के सर्वतोमुखी परिचालन की गारण्टी करने के नाते उनके लिए कुछ विदेशी प्रविधिज्ञों को नियुक्त करना अनिवार्य है।

#### EXPORT OF INDIAN BIRDS

3762. SHRI G. S. REDDI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that tropical birds of all shapes and sizes are causing a flutter in the U.S. and European markets;

(b) if so, how many varieties of Indian birds found their way to foreign homes during the last year and this year and value of foreign exchange earned thereby;

(c) which is the most costly bird and the value it is fetching in Europe; and

(b) how many natural aviaries are being set aside in and around Delhi and how many bird hospitals have sprung up ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) West Europe is an important market accounting for about Rs. 26 lakhs out of Rs. 34.62 lakhs of the total value of exports of Indian birds during the year 1967-68 whereas U.S.A.'s share was only Rs. 2.12 lakhs.