

(b) Hindustan Steel Limited has initiated steps to increase the production of foundry Grade I and II which are in short supply. The export of basic grade pig iron during 1969-70 has also been restricted to make available more capacity for the production of foundry grade pig iron. An equitable system of distribution has already been evolved by the Joint Plant Committee in consultation with the foundry industry. As regards billets and sheets, all efforts are being made to utilise the available capacity to the fullest extent possible and to increase their production. For instance, the ingots from Durgapur Steel Plant are being rolled into billets by TISCO to improve the supplies of billets. The exports of billets during the current year have been restricted only to past commitments with a few exceptions for small quantities which may be exported after prior permission from Government. To supplement the indigenous supplies of sheets, imports of thinner gauges of sheets are permitted to actual users on a liberalised basis.

(c) No, Sir. Although Government has received occasional reports of the temporary closure of certain units of the re rolling industry, no general or widespread instances have come to Government's notice.

Working of Heavy Engineering Corporation Ranchi and Bokaro Steel Plant

- *340. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA :
 SHRI K. M. KUSHIK :
 SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN :
 SHRI P. K. DEO :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are facing some difficulties with the State Government authorities in regard to the working of the Heavy Engineering Corporation at Ranchi and Bokaro Steel Plant ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C. M. POCNACHA) : (a) No, Sir. No difficul-

ties have arisen with the Bihar State Government with regard either to the working of H. E. C. or the construction of Bokaro Steel Plant.

(b) Does not arise.

M/s. Standard Drum and Barrel Manufacturing Company, Bombay

*341. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which permission was given to M/s. Standard Drum and Barrel Manufacturing Company, Bombay for manufacturing Bitumen Drums :

(b) the date on which the plant and machinery of this Company were installed ; and

(c) the date on which the Company put their said Bitumen Drum plant into operation ?

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

(a) to (c). M/s. Standard Drum and Barrel Manufacturing Company, Bombay were granted industrial licence dated 20th July, 1959 for the manufacture of 3,000 Nos. per day of Steel Drums. The firm installed machines by July, 1959 and started manufacture of Bitumen Drums during the same month.

Pulling Alarm Chains in Local Trains at Talegaon

- *342. SHRI P. VISWAMBHARAN :
 SHRI SRINIBAS MISRA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to pulling of alarm chains of the local trains at Talegaon on Poona-Bombay Section, several trains were disrupted ;