

and Steel Limited and private sector producers is expected to meet the requirement of almost all types of tool and alloy steels, except for a few special categories.

(d) Plans have been drawn up to achieve self-sufficiency as far as possible by the end of the Fourth Plan. Whether self-sufficiency would be achieved would depend on the availability of resources and the timely implementation of the development programme.

(e) Some of the steels which are not yet produced or the production of the same are not stabilised are cold rolled, grain-oriented sheets, high speed steel, stainless steel and high alloy steels. Feasibility study for CRGO sheets has been taken up to produce them in Rourkela Steel Plant. In the case of high alloy steels, production capacity has been set up and efforts are being made to step up production of these steels.

### Railway Firemen

\*606. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Firemen have to work continuously for 14 hours without respite even for "meals or for calls of nature";

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have to face emitting shooting flames of engines which are poorly maintained and also to manage with poor coal ration; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

### Requirements of scarce categories of Steel

\*607. SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN:  
SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA:  
SHRI R. K. AMIN:  
SHRI D. R. PARMAR:

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

(a) the total requirements of scarce categories of steel by the industry in the country;

(b) the total amount of this special type of steel;

(c) whether there are plans to liberalise import so as to meet demands of the industry and thus allow them to work to their rated capacity; and

(d) whether Government's attention has been invited in this regard to a report in the *Economic Times* dated the 27th May, 1969?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) The present demand for B. P. Sheets|strips has been estimated at 910,000 tonnes and of plates at 570,000 tonnes. Both sheets and plates are scarce categories.

(b) Imports of plates, in 1968-69, aggregated to 51,981 tonnes and of sheets, to 115,315 tonnes.

(c) and (d). The current import policy provides for liberalised issue of import licences to all actual users. The question whether bulk imports of scarce categories should be made is under consideration.

### हरिजनों को रिहाइसी प्लांटों का हस्तांतरण

\*608. श्री कंवर लाल गुप्त :

श्री श्रींकार सिंह :

श्री राम सिंह अग्रवाल :

श्री शारदा नन्द :

क्या बिचि तथा समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बहुत से राज्यों