विधि मंत्रालय ग्रौर समाज कत्याए विभाग में राज्य मंत्री [डा॰ (श्रीमती) फूलरेणु गह] : (क) से (ग) : ऐसा निष्कर्ष निकालने के लिए कोई ग्राधार-सामग्री नहीं है।

(घ) श्रौर (ङ). प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Shortage of X-Ray Films

*757. SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM:

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(SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:
SHRI BAIDHAR BEHERA:
SHRI BENI SHANKAR
SHARMA:
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a big shortage of X-Ray films in the country; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): (a) and (b). Due to increased demand, instances of shortages of X-Ray Films have come to Government's notice. Indigenous production is, therefore, being supplemented by imports. Government have also taken in hand the question of stepping up indigenous production.

Supply of Machinery to Bokaro Steel Plant

*758. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO: SHRI G. C. NAIK: SHRI S. XAVIER: SHRI J. MOHAMMED IMAM: SHRI P. K. DEO: SHRI N. K. SOMANI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND

HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been inordinate delays in the supply of machinery to the Bokaro Steel Plant;
- (b) if so, the causes of such delays; and
- (c) the action, if any, being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) There have been some delays in the supplies of equipment to the Bokaro Steel Plant.

- (b) Such delays have taken place on account of a variety of reasons. These include the time taken in the receipt and processing of drawings, shortage of special quality steel plates necessitating their import, time taken for import of components for the more sophisticated, types of machinery, and delays in supplies on account of capacities being heavily booked as in the case of refractory bricks supplied by manufacturers.
- (c) The system for review of progress of manufacture and supply of equipment at Bokaro has been reviewed and strengthened. At frequent intervals meetings are held to locate and remove any bottlenecks which have occurred and are likely to occur. Coordination meetings with the participation of all concerned agencies, including Soviet experts, suppliers of equipment and Indian consultants, are also held periodically to ensure timely supplies in accordance with the construction schedule.

Uniform Cement Price

*761. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVE-LOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cement Units in Southern Zone have