

The Minister of Railways (Shri Nanda) : (a) By and large, the demand of the oil companies are being met satisfactorily. As against an anticipated increase of about 9 per cent in the growth rate in consumption of petroleum products in the country, overall rail loading during the current busy season (October 1969 to March 1970), shows an increase of about 11 per cent as compared to the busy season of the previous year. Actual lifting of P. O. L. traffic would have been much more but for the low level of demand in the month of July to September when all the tank wagons available were not fully utilised.

(b) Occasionally owing to unforeseen changes in the source of supply, sudden fluctuations in demand and variations in the zone-wise requirements from month to month, there is some delay in meeting the revised requirements since it becomes necessary to move tank wagons from one part of the country to the other to meet the revised pattern of demand. However, special steps are taken to ensure that such delays are kept down to the minimum.

(c) A very intensive and day to day watch is kept over the movement of petroleum products. A close liaison is maintained between the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and the oil companies to ensure that the requirements of oil companies are satisfactorily met. As there is an exclusive fleet for movement of petroleum products, the question of priority in supply of wagons does not arise. Besides, the despatch of petroleum tank wagons enjoys a very high priority in movement.

SUPPLY OF RUSSIAN STRUCTURALS FOR BOKARO STEEL PLANT

1006. Shri R. Barua : Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state :

(a) whether structurals for the Bokaro Steel Plant are being brought from Russia in spite of India's ability to manufacture the same and having an unutilised capacity of 75 per cent ; and

(b) if so, what will be the total cost on account of import of these structurals ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Engineering (Shri K. C. Pant) : (a) and (b). Bokaro Steel Ltd., are importing only such sophisticated structurals from U. S. S. R. as cannot be fabricated in India. Out of a total of 236,361 tonnes required for the first stage of the Plant, only 17,708 tonnes are being imported. The total cost involved is about Rs.39 million.

कागज बनाने के कारखानों का विस्तार

*1007. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या औद्योगिक विकास, आन्तरिक व्यापार तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान वेस्ट कोस्ट पेपर मिल के निदेशक के इस आशय के वक्तव्य की ओर दिलाया गया है कि चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्त में सरकार को कागज की भारी कमी का सामना करना होगा क्योंकि सरकार ने वर्तमान मिलों के विस्तार की अनुमति नहीं दी है ;

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास कितने ऐसे आवेदनपत्र विचाराधीन पड़े हैं जिनमें कागज मिलों के विस्तार का अनुरोध किया गया है और ये आवेदनपत्र किस-किस तारीख से विचाराधीन पड़े हैं; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा उन पर कब तक अन्तिम निर्णय किये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

औद्योगिक विकास, आन्तरिक व्यापार तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फलकूदीन अली अहमद) :

(क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) और (ग). उद्योग (विकास तथा विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1951 के अन्तर्गत मौजूदा कारखानों के विस्तार के लिये क्रमशः 12-3-1970 और 18-3-1970 से केवल दो आवेदनपत्र विचाराधीन हैं। इन पर शीघ्र ही निर्णय किये जाने की सम्भावना है।