

(c) if so, whether in view of this, no detailed terms of reference for the proposed Bureau will be laid down; and

(d) if so, what are the main reasons for the same?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All concerned Ministries were consulted, and the final decision was taken by the Government after taking note of their suggestions.

(c) The Bureau is a part of Government for which no detailed terms of reference are necessary. However, the purpose and functions of the Bureau are set out in the Government Resolution constituting the Bureau, a copy of which is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3250/70.]

(d) Does not arise.

Saving of Foreign Exchange by Small Scale Industries by way of Import Substitution

*1125. SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL:
SHRI DEVINDER SINGH
GARCHA:
SHRI VALMIKI CHOUDHARY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that small scale Industries have helped in saving foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 10 crores during 1969 by way of import substitution; and

(b) if so, the estimate of foreign exchange savings on this account during 1970?

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

(a) It is estimated that during 1969, the foreign exchange saving effected by way of import substitution through the efforts of the small scale sector was of the order of Rs. 5 crores.

(b) It is likely to be about Rs. 7 crores.

Increase in Construction Cost of Bokaro Steel Plant

*1126. SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN:
SHRI JAI SINGH:
SHRI YAJNA DATT
SHARMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the delay in the construction of the Bokaro Steel Plant has boosted its cost considerably;

(b) whether it is also a fact that instead of asking for quick delivery of equipment, the management asked the Soviet Union to delay it;

(c) if so, the amount of the anticipated increase in expenditure and the extent of delay likely to take place in the commissioning of the plant; and

(d) the action taken against the persons responsible for taking the decision of receiving deferred supply of equipment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (c). No, Sir. The delay in commissioning the plant will add to the cost by way of increased expenditure on administration and other overheads which is estimated at about Rs. 25 lakhs every month.

(b) As a result of postponement of the construction schedule, it became necessary for Bokaro Steel Ltd., to request the USSR organisation to defer the despatch of certain electrical, mechanical and technological equipment for a period of 12 months because of the difficulty in their proper storage at the site for long periods before they are required for erection.

(d) Does not arise.

ट्रक्टरों और विद्युतचालित हलों का निर्माण

*1127. श्री महाराज सिंह मारती: क्या औद्योगिक विकास, आंतरिक व्यापार तथा