

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS) : (a) The Government of India have taken due note of the anti-Indian innuendos and pronouncements by the representatives of Bangladesh at the Non-aligned Summit Conference at Colombo.

(b) No, Sir.

Steel Industry

946. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA :

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :

DR. V. B. SINGH :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the 'Amrit Bazar Patrika' of July 25, 1976 under caption "Steel industry in utter disarray";

(b) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 400 crores is blocked due to unsold stocks of steel; and

(c) whether it is a fact that SAIL is exploring export possibilities of steel at subsidised rates ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) Government have come across the news item in Amrit Bazar Patrika of 25th July, 1976 referred to in the Question.

(b) No, Sir. The total unsold stock of saleable steel with the integrated steel plants and their stockyards as on 1st August, 1976 /

was 1.095 million tonnes valued at about Rs. 208 crores while that of pig iron on the same date was 0.156 million tonnes valued at about Rs. 12.50 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Deposits

947. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA :

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DR. V. B. SINGH :

Will the Minister or STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Ltd. have been appointed as consultants by the National Mineral Development Corporation for ore process handling plants for Meghahatuburu iron ore deposits;

(b) if so, what is the estimated capacity of the Meghahatuburu project; and

(c) to what extent the project will meet the additional iron ore requirements of the Bokaro Steel Plant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Meghahatuburu iron ore mine is planned to produce about 5 million tonnes of run-of-mine ore per annum.

(c) The iron ore requirements of Bokaro at the 4 million-tonne ingot stage and the planned availability of ore from Kiriburu and Maghahatuburu are given below :—

(&i million tonnes)

	<i>Lump</i>	<i>Fines</i>	<i>Total</i>
(i) B.S. L's requirement of 4 M.T. stage.	2.18	5.39	7.57
(ii) Availability from Kiriburu (at 90% utilisation of capacity)	1.17	2.62	3.79
(iii) Availability from Meghahatuburu (at 90% utilisation of capacity)	1.21	2.66	3.87
TOTAL	2.38	5.28	7.66

The marginal gap in the availability of ore fines can be made good either by using the available surplus lump or by suitable adjustments in the crushing and screening plant.

Rock bursts in Kolar Gold Mines

948. SHRI B. RACHAIAH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Rock bursts which occurred in Kolar Gold Mines in Karnataka during the last one year; and

(b) what is the number of lives lost in these incidents ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) 426 rockbursts were recorded by Seismograph in Kolar Gold Mines in Karnataka during the period from 1st August, 1975 to the 31st July, 1976 out of which only 10, were detected underground.

(b) Four lives were lost in 2 rockbursts.