

(c) Since India and Bangladesh both thus retain areas at present in their possession, persons of these areas are not affected.]

**Deterioration in the working of the Durgapur Steel Plant**

\*131. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

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

(a) whether a high level committee appointed by Government on the working of Durgapur Steel Plant has pointed out that the most important single factor for the deterioration in the working of the plant has been the steady erosion of managerial authority over the last few years;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken and are being contemplated to end this 'policy of drift' of managerial authority; and

(c) what are the other factors highlighted by the committee for the deterioration of the working of Plant and what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) to (c) In September, 1973, a high level committee with Shri G. D. Khandelwal, former Chairman of the Railway Board, as Chairman was appointed by Government to examine the problem of rationalization of movement of raw materials to all Steel Plants, the movement of finished products therefrom and matters incidental thereto. In its report covering the Durgapur Steel Plant and the Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur, this committee, referring to what it called the serious rot in the utilization of valuable national assets and resources due to lack of cooperation on the part of the lower levels of staff, has expressed the view that the steady erosion of managerial authority over the

last few years due to political considerations is the largest single factor for the present deterioration and that there has to be an end to this policy of drift and the sooner, the better. It has given an example each from the Alloy Steels Plant and the Railways.

The committee has also made specific recommendations relating to movement of raw materials and finished products. These are now under examination with a view to implementation to the maximum extent possible. The observation made by the committee in regard to erosion of managerial authority is a general one and has been noted.

The committee was set up only to examine matters relating to movement of materials. It was not required to examine the working of the Durgapur or any other Steel Plant, as such.

रामगढ़ क्षेत्र में कोककारी कोयला खानें

\*132. श्री भैरों सिंह शेखावत :

श्री डी० के० पटेल :

श्री वीरेन्द्र कुमार सखलेचा :

श्री सुब्रमण्यन् स्वामी :

क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रामगढ़ तथा केड़ला क्षेत्र में विशाल कोककारी कोयला खानें चालू करने की एक योजना तैयार की जा रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

†[Coking coal mines in Ramgarh area

\*132. SHRI B. S. SHEKHAWAT:

SHRI D. K. PATEL:

SHRI V. K. SAKHLECHA:

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

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

†[ ] English translation.