

Foreign Experts Working in Industries Under Ministry of Steel and Mines

287. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign experts are engaged in various industrial units under his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the names of countries from which they have come, their duration of stay and the nature of work they are performing in the industries, and their pay and emoluments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): The information in respect of Department of Steel is given below. The information in respect of Department of Mines is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Experts have been engaged from the following countries:—

1. U.K.
2. West Germany.
3. Soviet Union.
4. Poland.

The period of deputation of foreign experts varies from individual to individual depending upon the requirements of the project authorities and the availability of the services of the expert.

Foreign experts working in the Steel Plants have been engaged for specialised technical assistance in construction, erection, adjustment and commissioning, as well as in the operation and maintenance of the Plants and the mines. Some Polish experts have been employed in Bharat Coking Coal Limited for the elaboration of feasibility report, preparation of project reports and of general organisational pattern and scope of work of mine construction organisation.

The pay and emoluments vary from expert to expert and depend on the nature of his expertise, his position and status under the foreign employer etc. However, the approximate annual expenditure being incurred presently by the Plants towards pay

and emoluments and other facilities is of the following order:—

1. Durgapur Steel Plant—About Rs. 1.27 lakhs (including income tax).

2. Rourkela Steel Plant—About DM 1,49,400 and Rs. 3.51 lakhs. (including income tax).

3. Bhilai Steel Plant—About Rs. 26.45 lakhs.

4. Bokaro Steel Plant—About Rs 270 lakhs.

Polish experts are employed in terms of two agreements with KOPEX of Poland. The organisation is to be paid Rs. 40,57,885 under one agreement and Rs. 3,20,400 under the other, for expertise and services.

Probe into Working of Coal Mines

288. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKER ADIVAREKAR:

SHRI M.S. ABDUL KHADER:

SHRIMATI RATNABAI SRINIVASA RAO:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to probe into the working of coal mines in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES. (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA):

(b) Does not arise.

(a) No, Sir.

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289. श्री ओम् प्रकाश त्यागी :

सरदार कुमार सं० चं० बांधे :

श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम् स्वामी :

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माधुर :

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