

Workers laid off in Kanpur

*216. MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM
KHAPARDE:†

SHRI K. B. CHETTRI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of 25th December, 1973 to the effect that 30,000 workers had been laid off in Kanpur;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) to (c) A report in the matter was called for from the Government of Uttar Pradesh. According to the information made available by them, 23,517 workers were laid off in Kanpur during November 1973, of which 23,443 were cases of lay off due to power cuts and the remaining 74 due to other causes. The State Government have made efforts to provide as much power to the industries as possible.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**Alleged Corruption in Rourkela Steel Plant**

*208. SHRI K. C. PANDA:

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

SHRI M. K. MOHTA:

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

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Miss Saroj Purushottam Khaparde.

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to a report which appeared in the 'Times of India' of December 12, 1973, to the effect that corruption is so much rampant in the Rourkela Steel Plant that a bribe of thousands of rupees is necessary to get a job there; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Neither the Government nor the Plant have received any specific complaint of the nature mentioned in the report. Government have no reason to believe that the allegation is based on facts.

†Setting up of a railway wagons manufacturing unit in Andhra Pradesh

*99. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a railway wagons manufacturing unit is proposed to be located in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the proposed location thereof and by when it will start functioning;

(c) the number of skilled and unskilled workers likely to be employed; and

(d) the number of wagons that would be manufactured per annum there?

THE MINISTER OF THE HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Corporation for assisting ex-servicemen to set up Small Scale Industries

*212. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

SHRI M. K. MOHTA:

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT:

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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