

(c) and (d) Hindustan Copper Limited have plans to increase the rate of copper production to about 57,000 tonnes per annum by the end of 5th Plan period and to about 80,000 tonnes per annum in about 10 years from now. The production programme will substantially meet the requirement of the country. However, as the consumption of copper is expected to grow at a fast pace it will take considerable time to build up sufficient indigenous capacity to attain self-sufficiency.

TALKS HELD WITH U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL

1687. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI: SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: SHRI K. C. PANDA: SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the U.N. Secretary General to India any discussion were held regarding the Pakistani Prisoners of War and other problems between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether there were any suggestions for U.N. mediation for solving the outstanding problems between the two countries; and

(c) the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) The discussions with the Secretary General covered world issues of mutual interest and the general situation in the Indian sub-continent.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

REMARKS MADE ABOUT SHRI JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU IN THE BOOK ENTITLED THE 'CAIRO DOCUMENTS'

1683. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI: SHRI LOKANATH MISHRA: SHRI K. C. PANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to a book entitled "The Cairo Documents" by Mr. Mohamed Heikal, Chief Editor of Al Ahran, a semi-official Egyptian newspaper in which serious allegations have been levelled against the former Prime Minister, Pandit Jawahar Lai Nehru about his conduct on country's affairs;

(b) what is Government's reaction to the observation of Mr. Heikal to the effect that a number of Indian Parliamentarians were on the pay roll of industrialists; and

(c) what is the general reaction of Government to this book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The book contains many controversial remarks against well-known world leaders, as well as Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian Parliamentarians, etc. These observations are either conjectural, based on incorrect and secondhand reports or obvious exaggerations and distortions. While Government is sorry to see that these reflections have been made by a well-known author from a country very friendly to India, they do not believe that any useful purpose would be served by pursuing this matter further with a private individual.