

STEEL FOR HOUSE BUILDING PURPOSES

777. SHRI V. R. MOHAN :

SHRI DHARAM CHAND JAIN :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute scarcity of steel for house building purposes ;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is a flourishing black market trade in this commodity ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to end this evil ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) It is a fact that the demand for steel for house building purposes is more than the availability.

(b) and (c) Since there is no statutory control on prices, the question of "black marketing" does not arise. Consumers are, however, supplied some of this material at regulated prices from the stockyards of the Main Steel Producers, the products out of billets supplied to Billet Re-rollers and the products out of used rails supplied to Scrap re-rollers. The prices of these materials in the open market have recently shown a substantial decline.

LOSSES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR STEEL PLANTS

778. SHRI V. R. MOHAM : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made investigations in depth about the causes of losses in the public sector steel plants ; and

(b) if so, what are the findings of Government, and what remedial measures are contemplated to check more losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b) Although no specific investigations as such have been made into the causes of losses in the public sector steel plants under Hindustan Steel Limited, Government are aware of the various factors responsible for the losses. Briefly, these include inadequate utilization of capacity, Higher incidence of capital-related charges, disturbed industrial relations in some of the plants and escalations in cost elements.

Profitability is a function of costs, volume of production and prices. Within the limitations of prevailing prices and costs, one of the imperatives to earn profit, therefore, is to maximise production. Accordingly, the management of Hindustan Steel Limited is concentrating its efforts towards raising the level of production as rapidly as possible and a number of steps have been taken in this direction.

हिन्दुस्तान ऐरोनाटिक्स लिमिटेड द्वारा नियुक्तियों

779. श्री ना० कृ० शेजवलकर : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिन्दुस्तान ऐरोनाटिक्स लिमिटेड, बंगलूर में गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान कर्मचारियों की प्रत्येक श्रेणी में कितनी-कितनी नियुक्तियां हुईं ; और

(ख) उक्त अवधि में की गई नियुक्तियों में कितने हरिजन नियुक्त किये गये हैं ?

†[APPOINTMENT BY H. A. L.]

779. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of appointments made in the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore, during the last three years in each category of the employees ; and

(b) the number of Harijans appointed out of the appointments made during the said period ?]

रक्षा मंत्रालय (रक्षा उत्पादन) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल) : (क) और (ख) अपेक्षित सूचना देते हुये एक विवरण सलग्न है ।

विवरण

श्रेणी	की गई कुल नियुक्तिया	नियुक्त किये गये हरिजनों की संख्या
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श्रेणी 1	22	0
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