

**PRODUCTION IN DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT**

\*531. SHRI M. KAMALANATHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production in the various alloy steel categories at the Durgapur Alloy Steel Plant is much below the rated capacity envisaged in the Project Report ;

(b) if so, what technological factors are responsible for it ; and

(c) whether Government propose to give priority to rectification of the technological deficiencies and attainment of rated capacity as against any substantial expansion of the plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

## STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pattern of demand for the various alloy and Special Steels is not the same at present as that visualised at the time of preparation of the detailed project report. As the plant produces tailor-made products against special customer orders, it has been necessary to plan for the optimum product-mix based on actual sale orders. A Constraint on achieving higher production of stainless sheets and plates is the hand sheet mill where it is not possible to produce the type of finished products which can be produced in a continuous strip mill. Some other technological deficiencies in the Sheet Mill Complex hindering full production of stainless steel sheets have also been identified and action is being taken to rectify these.

(c) The technological deficiencies are already being attended to. They are not

such as to preclude the expansion of the plant.

**PERSONS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES**

1302. SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Government servants in his Ministry and its attached and subordinate offices as on 1st January, 1972, and how many of them are from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ;

(b) the number of posts category-wise filled by direct recruitment during the year 1971 and how many of them were filled by persons from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ;

(c) whether Liaison Officer nominated by Government has submitted any report of his annual inspection ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) There were 3911 Government servants working in the Ministry and its attached and subordinate offices as on 1st January, 1972. (This excludes the local cadre staff in Indian Missions/Posts abroad). Of these 358 were from the Scheduled Castes and 43 from the Scheduled Tribes.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Some defects were noticed in the maintenance of some rosters, *e. g.*, the prescribed form was not used, reserved points were not earmarked correctly, or the abstracts were not prepared. These defects were brought to the notice of the concerned officials and remedial measures are being taken to rectify the defects.