

PRODUCTION AT ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

202. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether production at Rourkela Steel Plant has been considerably hit due to low power supply ;

(b) if so, the extent thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Production in the Hot Strip Mill, Tandom Mill and the Fertilizer Plant has been affected due to low power supply from March this year. The approximate loss of production has been as follows :

	March, 1972	April, 1972
	(Tonnes)	(Tonnes)
Hot Strip Mill	6,500	4,300
Tandom Mill	4,000	3,425
Fertilizer Plant	3,830	5,657
(Calcium Ammonium Nitrate)		

(c) The following steps have been are being taken by the Plant management :

(i) Discussions have been and are being held with officials of Orissa State Electricity Board as well as Officers of Hirakud Dam Power Generation Circle for improving supply.

(ii) In order to make the best use of power available, a programme of load shedding has been taken up and maximum conservation of power is being attempted on all possible points,

(iii) Street lighting in the township has been cut down, non-essential air-conditioners, compressors, water pumps etc. have been switched off and operations of units like sintering plant, oxygen plant, electrical are furnaces have been suitably reduced,

(iv) The repairs of the Plant's generators which has been under capital repairs are being expedited.

PRICE OF STEEL

203. SARDAR AMJAD ALI :
SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE :
DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI :
SHRI K. B. CHETTRI :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question No. 617 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th April, 1972 and state the measures Government propose to adopt to stabilise the price of steel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : According to the present arrangements, well over 90% of the steel produced in the country is sold at regulated prices and made available to consumers actually requiring it.

एशिया के छोटे छोटे देशों के लिए शिष्टमंडल

204. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

श्री ना० कृ० शेजवलकर :

श्री मान सिंह वर्मा :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार एशिया के छोटे छोटे देशों के साथ घनिष्ठ संबंधों को और बढ़ाने की दृष्टि में उन देशों में सांस्कृतिक, धार्मिक, आर्थिक तकनीकी शिष्टमंडल भेजने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका व्यौरा क्या है ?

‡[DELEGATION TO SMALL ASIAN COUNTRIES

204. SHRI J. P. YADAV :
SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR :
SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to send cultural, religious, economic and technical delegations to small countries of Asia with a view to developing further intimate relations with them ; and

b) if so, the details thereof ?

‡ [] English translation.