

in July, 1971, deterioration in the condition of some of the Coke Oven Batteries in Rourkela Steel Plant, break-down in some of the Coke Oven Batteries in Bhilai Steel Plant, maintenance problem in Durgapur Steel Plant and the continued disturbed industrial relations in the Durgapur Steel Plant and the Alloy Steels Plant. Certain escalatory factors like the full impact of the Wage Agreement, provision for War Risk Insurance and additional *ad-hoc* bonus, general price escalations etc. have also affected the financial position substantially.

(c) Within the limitations imposed by the industrial relations situation, particularly at Durgapur Steel Plant, the Management of Hindustan Steel Limited are making all possible efforts to raise production as rapidly as possible. These include specialised repairs of Coke Ovens, use of alternative fuels to supplement gas availability, oil firing in certain furnaces to augment fuel resources, improved maintenance aimed at better equipment availability, speeding up of capital programmes required to correct existing imbalances in production facilities, planned procurement of spares, refractories and other essential material etc. Hindustan Steel Ltd. are making every endeavour to ensure that industrial disputes are settled by negotiation and that the cooperation and participation of workers in the production effort are not hampered. The Government also keep constant watch on the performance of the units and the Company through periodical Task Force Meetings and reviews and render all the assistance that is required.

#### GOODS MANUFACTURED BY HEAVY ENGINEERING CORPORATION LTD., RANCHI

\*103. SHRI VIJAYALAKSHMI,  
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI;  
MISS SUSHILA MANSUKHLAL  
DESAI :

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

(a) the quantity and value of Goods manufactured by the Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd., Ranchi, During the last three years ;

(b) the quantity and value of goods exported, if any, with the names of countries to which exported during the said period ;

(c) the quantity and value of goods sold to Government concerns and other private individuals in the country, separately, during the same period ,

(d) the net profit or loss during these years ; and

(e) the reasons for the loss and the ways and means counter-acting the loss ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMAR-MANGALAM) :

(a to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXXIX. Annexure No. 15].

#### ALLOTMENT OF STEEL FOR SMALL SCALE UNITS IN WEST BENGAL

\*104. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that West Bengal Government had made a request for *ad hoc* allotment of steel from the Government of India for 224 small scale units in the State, and

(b) if so, what measures the Government of India have taken to fulfil the requests ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMAR-MANGALAM) : (a) and (b) A request was received in the Office of the Development Commissioner Small Scale Industries, who has taken this up with the Iron and Steel Controller.

Although some marginal adjustments in supplies is possible, any substantial '*ad hoc*' allocation can only be at the cost of some other State or Industrial Sector.

#### OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN THE BOKARO STEEL PLANT

\*105. SHRI P. C. MITRA Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state .

(a) whether there was any outbreak of fire in any stores in the Bokaro Steel Plant in recent months ;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is the estimated loss due to the fire ,

(c) whether any inquiry other than departmental inquiry was made into the cause of the fire ,

(d) if so, the result of inquiry , and