

It will be seen that the total production of steel ingots and saleable steel declined during April-June, 1971 as compared to January-March, 1971, by about 1.16 lakh tonnes and 1.23 lakh tonnes respectively. Production at Durgapur, however, increased during April-June, 1971 compared to January-March, 1971.

(c) Main reasons for shortfall in production :

Bhilai.—Production in some units of Bhilai Steel Plant has been affected since middle of May, 1971 due to breakdown in the Coke Ovens and consequent shortage of Coke oven gas.

Rourkela.—The Plant suffered from unforeseen break-downs, and Power failure.

TISCO —TISCO had problems associated with shortage of Coke, LSHS oil and furnace oil.

HSCO.—One blast furnace was taken off for relining in the third week of April.

Steps being taken to increase production.—Sustained efforts are being made to increase production to the maximum possible extent and they include (1) Special attention to the maintenance organisation (2) Supply of adequate refractories.

SOVIET ASSISTANCE FOR BANGLA DESH REFUGEES

222. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA :
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :
SHRI -CHANDR AMOU LI JAGARLAMUDI:
DR. B. N. ANTANI:
SHRI M. K. MOHTA:
SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:
SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :
SHRI U. K. LAKSHMANA GOWDA :
SHRI J. P. YADAV:
SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the Soviet assistance received and committed so far for the rehabilitation of the East Bengal refugees;

(b) whether the Soviet Union has also given to India certain medicines to fight the Cholera out-break in refugees camps; and

(c) the details of the assistance received so far by India from other foreign countries and how much assistance is likely to be received in due course?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR):

(a) The Soviet Union has offered 50,000 tonnes of rice of which first consignment of 3,500 tonnes has since been received. 1,50,000 doses of cholera vaccine have also been received. In addition, they have placed at our disposal two Russian aircrafts for transportation of refugees and relief material.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details of offers of assistance made by foreign governments/International Organisations are given in the attached statement. [See Appendix LXXVII, Annexure No. 16]

जर्मन जनवादी गणराज्य के दोषपूर्ण ट्रैक्टर

223. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :
श्री लाल आडवाणी :

क्या कृषि मंत्री 28 मई, 1971 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 142 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जर्मन जनवादी गणराज्य को अब तक कितने दोषपूर्ण ट्रैक्टर लौटाये गये हैं और प्रति ट्रैक्टर कितनी राशि खरीदारों को वापस मिल चुकी है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार किसानों द्वारा इन ट्रैक्टरों पर खर्च का गई सारी राशि को राज्य व्यापार निगम को वापस दिला कर उन्हें अविलम्ब राहत पहुंचाने का विचार रखती है; और