

OFFER FROM FOREIGN FIRMS TO MANUFACTURE SMALL CARS

8. SHRI M. K. MOHTA:
 SHRI J. S. TILAK:
 SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
 SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI:
 SHRI T. G. DESHMUKH:
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 SHRI S. B. BOBDEY:
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 691 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 1970 and state whether any decision has since been taken by Government on the various proposals for the manufacture of small cars ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY): Offers of collaboration for the manufacture of passenger cars in the public sector had been received from the following eight foreign firms:—

1. Regie Nationale Des Usines Renault, France.
2. M/s. Fiat S.P.A. Italy.
3. M/s. Nissan Motor Co. Ltd., Japan.
4. M/s. Ford Products Co., Australia.
5. M/s. Volkswagen, West Germany.
6. M/s. Toyo Kogyo, Japan.
7. M/s. Alfa Romeo, Italy.
8. M/s. Zastava, Yugoslavia.

After examination of these offers from various angles, it was found that the proposals submitted by the parties mentioned at S. Nos. (5) to (8) did not *prima facie* offer a suitable basis for further consideration. These parties have been informed accordingly.

The offers submitted by the parties mentioned at S. Nos. (1) to (4) above are being examined further.

CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF REFRACTORIES TO BOKARO STEEL PROJECT

9. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether contracts were given to a number of companies for the supply of refractories to the Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the names of the companies which were given the contracts with details of the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) whether there was any violation of the contract; and if so, what steps were taken against the companies concerned; and to what extent, the alleged violations affected the rated pace of work ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. (See next Page).

(c) In cases where the suppliers were not able to deliver the refractories according to the specifications or the schedule indicated to them by Bokaro Steel Limited, action had to be taken to cancel the orders and make alternative arrangements. The delayed supplies of refractories in combination with other factors such as shortfall in the supply from both public sector undertakings and private sector units of equipment and structurals due to non-availability of steel particularly of killed quality affected the schedule of construction of Bokaro Plant, which had to be revised in 1969. The revised schedule envisages the completion of erection of first Blast Furnace Complex by end of December, 1971 and of the first stage to produce 1.7 million ingot tonnes of steel per year by March, 1973.