

shortly. The setting up of two more factories with the similar capacities at Bokajan in Assam and at Paonta in Himachal Pradesh is also under consideration.

The production at Mandhar from 19-7-1970 to end of February 1971 is 84,775 tonnes. ✓

CAPACITY UTILISATION IN HINDUSTAN STEEL LTD.

*9. SHRI M. K. MOHTA:
SHRISUNDAR MANIPATEL:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the capacity utilisation in the Hindustan Steel Ltd. expressed as a percentage of the rated capacity; and

(b) how does the capacity utilisation in Hindustan Steel Ltd. compare with that of the private sector steel plants showing the reasons for variation, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM):
(a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) The following table indicates percentage of capacity utilisation in terms of Steel Ingots and Saleable Steel during the period April, 1970 to February, 1971 (11 months) in respect of the public sector steel plants at Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur under Hindustan Steel Limited and the private sector steel plants of TISCO and IISCO.

Plant	Percentage of capacity utilisation	
	Steel Ingot	Saleable Steel
Bhilai	77.23	77.23
Rourkela	57.33	55.30

Percentage of capacity utilisation

Plant	Steel Ingot	Saleable Steel
Durgapur	39.26	34.86
TISCO	85.49	90.84
IISCO	61.83	64.80

Production was adversely affected by disturbed industrial relations at Durgapur and IISCO and to some extent at Rourkela. At Durgapur and Rourkela, there are also certain technical and operational constraints/deficiencies, which are being attended to. The capacity utilisation at Bhilai and TISCO was on the whole satisfactory. ✓

COLLABORATION FOR MANUFACTURE OF SMALL CAR

*10. SHRI GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ford Company has a collaboration agreement with an Indian firm for the manufacture of tractors;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Ford Company has submitted to the Government of India a proposal to manufacture a small car and has offered to send a team to India to study the cost of manufacture and determine the price at which the car can be marketed; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Escort Tractors Ltd., New Delhi have been granted an industrial licence on 5-8-1970 for the manufacture of 'Ford' 3000 (45 HP) Agricultural Tractors for a capacity of 6,000 Nos. per annum at Faridabad in the State of Haryana in collaboration with M/s.