

tions submitted by the Government of Tamil Nadu have been examined in the light of the new policy and it has been found that they satisfy all the conditions for being exempted from licensing. The State Government have accordingly been informed that their bus-body building units at Madras and Nagercoil can go ahead with their schemes without a licence.

PRODUCTION IN DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

*27. SHRI D. D. PURI:

SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI M. V. BHADRAM:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the production in Durgapur Steel Plant has come down to 50 per cent of its capacity and thereby resulting in heavy losses;

(b) whether Government have assessed the causes of the progressive fall in production at the plant; if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken by Government to achieve the target of steel production;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Engineering visited the plant recently to make an on-the-spot study; and

(d) if so, the result thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. The production came down to 49% of the planned capacity during June, 1970.

(b) The progressive fall in production could largely be attributed to disturbed industrial relations. Deliberate

absenteeism, go-slow tactics, refusal to obey orders of superiors, sudden stoppages of work, gheraos, inter-union rivalry, etc., have retarded production. To improve industrial relations, bipartite discussions between the management and recognised labour unions are regularly held. In the last eleven months, 26 agreements have been signed between the management and the Union covering a large number of areas. A new bonus scheme is ready and management is holding discussions with the recognised Union for its implementation. Other steps being taken by the Management to step up production, are: re-organisation of the maintenance functions; procurement of indigenous and imported spare parts; undertaking of capital repairs of various units; introduction of technological improvements; providing balancing facilities; etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As stated in part (b) above.

DELEGATION FROM UGANDA

*28. SHRI S. D. MISRA:

SHRI B. K. KAUL:

CHOUHDARY A MOHAMMAD:

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the assistance sought by the high-power delegation from Uganda in the field of industrial development, particularly in the small scale sector and the type of assistance promised by the Government of India; and

(b) the spheres of activity in which the work is to be started and the time by when it will be started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA): (a) and (b). A delegation headed by H. E. Mr. J. M. Okae, Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Uganda,