

further, a prototype of the tractor proposed to be manufactured should be got tested at the Tractor Training and Testing Station, Budli. The Test report on the performance of the tractor has been received. The proposal is now being processed further in the light of the test report. In the meantime, the Government of Punjab has requested that they should be allowed to implement the tractor project proposed to be set up in the public sector by the Government of India with Czech collaboration. The position in regard to this project is that it is proposed to utilise the spare capacity available at the Pinjore Unit of Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. and at the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation, Durgapur to the fullest extent possible for the manufacture of tractors in this project. The National Industrial Development Corporation had been asked to investigate all aspects of such a project and prepare a detailed report. The report of the NIDC has been received and is, at present, being examined. A final decision on the Punjab Government's request will be taken after the examination of the N.I.D.C.'s report has been completed.

PRICES OF EQUIPMENT TO BE SUPPLIED TO BOKARO STEEL PLANT

48. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI G. R. PATIL:

SHRI S. B. BOBDEY:

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

(a) whether any accord has been reached on the prices of equipment to be supplied to Bokaro Steel Plant by the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to encourage the indigenous Consultancy Services as existing in the Public Sector Plants to design certain items in the Bokaro Steel Plants; and

(c) if so, what are the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) An agreement has been reached on the prices for supplies from the Heavy Engineering Corporation to Bokaro and will be communicated to the parties concerned shortly.

(b) and (c) At the time when the Detailed Project Report for Bokaro was being considered the Central Engineering and Design Bureau of HSL was completely occupied with the expansion programmes of the steel plants of HSL and, therefore, could not be associated as Consultants for Bokaro. However, Messrs. Dastur and Co. an Indian Consultancy Company, which has been associated with the Project from its inception, were appointed as Indian Consultants for the Bokaro Steel Plant. They are responsible for preparation of drawings and tender documents etc. for such equipment as is either outside the scope of U.S.S.R. Suppliers or is not to be procured from public sector units in India.

झांसी और भुसावल के बीच मुसाफिर गाड़ियों का विलम्ब से चलना

49. श्री निरंजन वर्मा: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) जनवरी, 1969 से 31 मार्च, 1969 तक झांसी और भुसावल के बीच चलने वाली अप और डाउन ट्रेनों विदिशा स्टेशन पर कौन-कौन सी तारीखों को सही समय पर पहुंची;

(ख) क्या यह अप और डाउन ट्रेनों हमेशा विलम्ब से चलती हैं और क्या यह बात सरकार के ध्यान में लाई गयी है कि गाड़ियों के विलम्ब से चलने के कारण यात्रियों को भारी कष्ट उठाना पड़ता है; और