

(b) About 16,42,000 tonnes of iron ore have been moved by road to Paradeep Port between July, 1966 to July, 1968 Movement is made at the following rates as a result of tenders :

- (i) Bhubaneswar to Paradeep—
Rs. 19.50 per tonne
- (ii) Nergundi to Paradeep—
Rs. 17.25 per tonne
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) and (e) Do not arise.

CASHEW EXPORTERS MEMORANDUM

*519. SHRI KESAVAN (THAZHAVAR) : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question No 259 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1967 and state :

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the proposals for the stabilisation of cashew industry contained in the memorandum submitted by India Cashew Exporters' Association, Quilon, Kerala ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Certain matters contained in the memorandum are still under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMAN OF HEAVY PLATES AND VESSELS PROJECT

*520. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT and COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the directors and Chairman of Bharat Heavy Plates and vessels Ltd., Visakhapatnam; and

(b) the powers of the Chairman and the directors respectively?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) : (a) and (b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix No. XLV, Annexure No. 89.]

PRODUCTION OF BLACK SHEETS IN ROURKELA, TISCO AND IISCO

*421. SHRI M. M. SUR : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the tonnage of black sheets of 24, 26, 28 and 30 gauges produced in Rourkela Steel Plant, TISCO and IISCO separately 68;

(b) the estimates production in tonnage of the above black sheets in each of those Steel Plants during 1968-69; and

(c) whether any arrangement has been made to make available slightly defective sheets of the above gauges from each of the above plants for use in various types of consuming industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Information relating to production of black sheets in different gauges mentioned in the question is not separately maintained by the producers concerned. However total annual production of black plain sheets for the relevant period is as under:—

(In '000 tonnes)				
Year	TISCO	IISCO	Rourkela	
1965-66	106.9	94.8	186.1	
1966-67	101.3	124.9	113.6	
1967-68	94.1	71.9	127.0	

(b) The estimated production of black sheets in different gauges in each of the Steel Plants during 1968-69 is as follows:—

		tonnes
TISCO		50,000
IISCO		48,000
Rourkela		380,000

(c) The defective sheets are already being sold by the main producers to the various consumers.

CREDIT FACILITIES TO SMALL TEA GARDENS

*522. SHRI G. BARBORA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide adequate credit facilities to the small

tea gardens of 300 acres or below so that they may be able to face the competition of foreign-owned groups of big tea gardens?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : No proposal for providing special credit facilities to tea gardens of 300 acres or below, is under consideration. Credit facilities are, however, already available to all tea gardens irrespective of their acreage under the Tea Plantation Finance and Tea Machinery Hire-Purchase Schemes operated by the Tea Board.

RESERVED SEATING ACCOMMODATION FOR PRIVATE ATTENDANTS OF FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS

***523. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the absence of reserved seats for private attendants travelling with first class passengers, the passengers often make them sit in the first class compartments;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make any arrangements for reserving seats for these attendants also; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) A limited number of seats are earmarked in a third class compartment for attendants of first class passengers as near the first class compartments as possible. If instances of first class passengers making their attendants sit in first class compartments are detected, it would entail for the attendants the consequences of travelling a higher class of carriage with a ticket for a lower class.

Third class seats/berths available for reservation on the trains for the public can also be reserved for the attendants under the normal rules applicable to such reservations.

For the convenience of first class passengers railway attendants are provided in full first class corridor type coaches.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

BOKARO STEEL PLANT

***524. SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY :** Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount so far spent on the Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) the amount spent on the building of a hostel for the accommodation of the senior personnel expected to work on the plant and the number of rooms in the hostel and the nature of amenities provided in the hostel;

(c) whether any provision has been made for a hospital for the use of the workers in the plant and the number of beds proposed to be provided for in the hospital; and

(d) the estimated cost of the construction of the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Rs. 1,105.75 million up to June, 1968.

(b) The hostel is a temporary building constructed at a cost of Rs. 265,000. It contains 50 single rooms with bath. This is not intended for accommodation of Senior Personnel expected to work on the Plant. Besides there is a 200 roomed Bokaro Hotel also constructed at a cost of Rs. 3.89 million. Block A & B of this hotel are centrally air-conditioned. Block C has rooms fitted with air-conditioners. Building is provided with hot and cold running water, beside electricity. Block A contains public rooms like lounge and dining rooms. Block B has three floors, one of which is utilised for providing accommodation to Soviet specialists. The entire Block C is also occupied by Soviet Specialists. Two floors of Block B are leased out to M/s. United Hotel Private Ltd. for running a hotel, as there is no separate Guest House maintained by the Company.

(c) and (d) There is already a temporary 50 bed hospital functioning at present for the use of the employees of the Bokaro Steel Plant. The proposal for the construction of main permanent hospital for about 260 beds at an estimated cost of about Rs. 7 million is under consideration.

IMPORT OF FRUIT FROM AFGHANISTAN ON FORGED LICENCES

***525. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADURIA :** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :