

Group of Industries on the basis of the three memoranda submitted by Shri Chander Sekhar, M.P.; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) and (b) The nature of the appropriate machinery to be set up is still under the consideration of the Government. A Sub-Committee of the Cabinet has been constituted to go into this matter.

DAMAGE TO DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

*6. SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA :

SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY :

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON:

SHRI T. V. ANANDAN :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry was held to ascertain the causes and the extent of damage to the Durgapur Steel Plant in September, 1968;

(b) if so, the name of the person who held the enquiry; and

(c) the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) A Committee of Enquiry was set up to assess damage caused to the Steel Plant.

(b) The Committee of Enquiry consisted of the following members :—

1. Shri P. K. Paul, Assistant General Superintendent (Technical Administration).
2. Shri G. P. Mukherjee, Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Mills).
3. Dr. S. R. Ghosh, Superintendent, Energy & Economy.
4. Shri S. S. Maun, Refractories Engineer.

The following members were co-opted subsequently :—

1. Shri S. K. Seal, Assistant Superintendent, Rolling Mills, Central Engineering & Design Bureau.

2. Shri B. Ramachandran, Senior Design Engineer, Central Engineering and Design Bureau.

(c) The findings in brief are:—

The Re-heating furnaces of the Section Mill, Merchant Mill and the Wheel & Axle Plant suffered extensive damage and the effective life of the pipes and refractories in the Skelp Mill re-heating furnace is estimated to have been reduced because of the sabotage committed by the Pump and Oil Cellar attendants. The total cost in carrying out the necessary repairs for various furnaces is Rs. 2,46,076.00 and the estimated cost of the repairs yet to be carried out is Rs. 2.21 lakhs. The total loss of production on account of the sabotage is estimated about at Rs. 1.5 crores.

SMALL CAR

*7. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYAN :

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA :

SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :

SHRI K. SUNDARAM :

DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR :

SARDAR RAM SINGH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state by what time a final decision is expected to be taken with regard to setting up of a plant to manufacture small cars?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): A reference has been made to the Planning Commission. On receipt of the views of the Planning Commission the matter will be considered further. It is therefore difficult to indicate at this stage when a decision will be taken in the matter.

STRIKE NOTICE BY EMPLOYEES OF CENTRAL COTTAGE INDUSTRIES EMPORIUM

*8. SHRI A. D. MANI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of the Central Cottage Industries Emporium, New Delhi served a strike notice in September, 1968 ; and