

FLABOUR TROUBLE IN ROURKELA STEEL  
PLANT

756. SHRIMATI SARLA BHADAU-  
RIA : Will the Minister of STEEL,  
MINES AND METALS be pleased to  
state :

(a) whether there was any labour  
trouble at the Rourkela Steel Plant re-  
cently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND  
METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In September-October, 1967, the  
workers of the Rourkela Steel Plant  
agitated, without going on strike, against  
the statutory minimum of 4 per cent of  
their wages declared by Hindustan Steel  
Ltd. for the year 1966-67. As there was  
danger of serious damage to the costly  
equipment of the Plant, the Coke Ovens at  
Rourkela had to be blanked and Blast  
Furnance banked for some time during  
October 1967. The dispute has since been  
settled amicably and the plant has started  
functioning again with effect from  
October 19, 1967.

ENQUIRY *RE* NOTICE OF MO-  
TION FOR ALLEGED BREACH OF  
PRIVILEGE

SHRI NIREN GHOSH (West Bengal)  
: Sir, I have given a notice of a motion  
for breach of privilege about Dr. P. C.  
Ghosh insinuating against Members of  
the House that they are receiving money  
from foreign Embassies .

MR. CHAIRMAN : That will not  
come now.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH : I have given  
notice. This is a question of privilege. I  
want to take it up at the appropriate time.

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ber, 1967.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West  
Bengal) : We are not interested in taking  
that joker seriously. He is an idiot. I think  
he has said something bad. Even a joker  
is to be taken seriously if he is treated as  
the Chief Minister of a State. Sir, what do  
you say to this thing? Dr. P. C. Ghosh  
has no right to say such things.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have not  
given notice.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : I am in-  
cluded. He has not named anybody. You  
can go into this matter. I am not saying  
that you should dispose it of. If Dr. P. C.  
Ghosh has said this kind of thing,  
certainly his conduct is to be questioned  
by us.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Sir, this  
motion should be discussed, not today, at  
a proper time. I am ready for that. But it  
should be discussed.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I will see to it.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : We do not  
want to give him a lot of importance.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MAT-  
TER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPOR-  
TANCE

REPORTED FLIGHT OF CHANCELLOR EIE-  
SINGER OVER PAKISTAN-OCCUPIED PART  
OF KASHMIR

SHRI A. M. TARIQ (Jammu and  
Kashmir) : Sir, before you go to the  
calling attention notice, I have got a  
submission to make. My submission is  
this. I was the first man to enter your  
Chamber with the calling attention notice.  
Now I find the name of my senior  
colleague, Mr. Rajnarain, on the top of  
the list. I have got no objection to that.  
But I would like you to go into this matter  
and find out the position. You should  
adopt a procedure by which we will know  
how a man giving the notice first  
becomes second.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I shall go into it.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West  
Bengal) : Generally, Sir, we do not have  
grounds for complaints. Mr. Tariq has  
made an observation which may not be  
very charitable to the Secretariat here  
because generally they do not do such  
things.