

substantially by orienting the steel mills to an increasing degree of steel exports. For this, the potential export markets should be investigated thoroughly, especially with the object of discovering consumer requirements and of developing marketing channels.

DISCOUNT/REBATE ON DETERIORATED QUALITY OF COAL, ALLOWED BY NCDC.

132. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of discount/rebate allowed and claims for reduction in bills admitted on account of deterioration in quality, on sales of coal of Grade I and above sold by the N.C.D.C. during the years 1964-66—yearwise;

(b) the reasons given by the Management for such reductions/discounts if any; and

(c) whether Government have any agency or system for verification of the reductions?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. M. CHANNA REDDY): (a) Prices of grade I and above qualities of coal are fixed by Government under Clause 4 of the Colliery Control Order, 1945. No discount/rebate is permissible in respect of such coals except middleman's commission. Claims, however, are entertained on account of deterioration in quality/size. The amount involved on this account is as under:—

	Rs.
1964-65.....	1,39,000.00
1965-69.....	1,61,000.00

(b) According to trade practice, reductions or discounts are made whenever the grade or size of coal despatched is not according to specifications.

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(c) A procedure has been set up by N.C.D.C. for dealing with such complaints. Claims above Rs. 5000.00 receive the personal scrutiny of the Managing Director himself. Government have no agency or system for verification of such reductions nor is it considered necessary to have such system.

हिन्दुस्तान स्टील वर्क्स कन्स्ट्रक्शन कम्पनी लिमिटेड

133. श्री राजनारायण : क्या इस्पात, खान और धातु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दुस्तान स्टील वर्क्स कन्स्ट्रक्शन कम्पनी लिमिटेड के बन्द हो जाने की आशंका है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस परियोजना को जिसे मूलतः बीस करोड़ रुपये की लागत से आरम्भ किया जाना था, वास्तव में केवल एक करोड़ रुपये की लागत पर आरम्भ किया गया; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं और उसे बन्द होने से बचाने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

HINDUSTAN STEELWORKS CONSTRUCTION Co. LTD.

133. SHRI RAJNARAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is apprehension that the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Co. Ltd. would close down;

(b) whether it is also a fact that originally this project was to be launched with a sum of Rupees twenty crores while in fact it was launched only with a sum of Rupees one crore; and

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