

he was in no hurry to finalise the small-car project; and

(b) at what stage does the examination of schemes now stand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA) : (a) and (b). What the Minister of Industry conveyed was that he would not like to be hustled into a decision and would wait for the detailed proposals of the different parties before making a final selection of the make and model of the car to be manufactured. The detailed proposals are still awaited.

SUBSTITUTION OF OIL FOR COAL

*640. THAKUR BHANU PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have considered the recommendation of World Bank Study Team regarding substitution of oil for coal; and

(b) if so, what is their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) and (b) The said recommendations of the World Bank Study Team are under the consideration of Government.

CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATION OF COAL MINING MACHINERY PROJECT, DURGAPUR

*641. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to serious allegations of malpractices, maladministration and corruption on the part of certain officials

including the General Manager of the Coal Mining Machinery Project, Durgapur, who is now the Managing Director of the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation, Durgapur;

(b) if so, whether any inquiries were made into these allegations during his visit to Durgapur or at any other time; and

(c) whether in this connection any Memorandum was forwarded to him?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

• (b) and (c) The allegations were contained in a Memorandum a copy of which was received in the Department of Industry from the Central Bureau of Investigation on 7th August, 1965. One of the persons who is alleged to have signed the memorandum has denied any knowledge of it. Even so, the Chairman of the company is being requested to look into the allegations.

ALLOY STEELS PLANT

*642. SHRI ARJUN ARORA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the schedule for the completion of the Alloy Steels Plant at Durgapur has been revised; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main causes necessitating revision were delay in supply of certain technical data by the consortium of equipment suppliers from Japan and furnace suppliers from Canada and also certain delays in the receipt of drawings. There were also delays