

(c) whether any compensation will be paid to those parties whose goods have been destroyed in the agitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) As per reports available loss is estimated at about Rs. 65 lakhs.

(c) Under Section 78(c)(ii) of the Indian Railways Act, a Railway Administration is not liable for the loss, destruction, damage, deterioration or non-delivery of goods proved by the Railway to have been caused by, or to have arisen from, riots or civil commotion.

MEETING OF COAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

429. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the observations and recommendations made at the meeting of the Coal Advisory Council held recently; and

(b) the reactions of Governments thereto and plan of action for implementing them?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY) : (a) The meeting of the Coal Advisory Council which was fixed for the 22nd February, 1965, was postponed.

(b) Does not arise.

MACHINE TOOL FACTORY AT RAJKOT

430. SHRI S. C. DEB : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a machine tool plant is going to be set up in Rajkot in collaboration with a German firm viz., Precimax Limited; and

(b) if so, what would be the total capacity of the plant and what types of machine tool would be manufactured in that factory?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA) : (a) and (b) A licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 was granted to a private individual for setting up a new industrial undertaking at Rajkot for the manufacture of 240 numbers each per annum of Radial Drilling Machines and Pillar Drilling Machines. For the implementation of this scheme, a new company under the name and style of Precimax Limited was formed.

The manufacture of radial drilling machines will be undertaken in collaboration with a West German firm.

PRODUCTION AT ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

431. MISS MARY NAIDU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether production at the Rourkela Steel Plant has reached its rated capacity; and

(b) what is the present production?

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

(b) The production of iron, ingot steel and finished steel during January, 1965 was 76,872, 99,526 and 62,237 tonnes respectively.

RESTRICTION OF COAL PRODUCTION BY NCDC

432. { SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :
SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL :

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

(a) whether the NCDC has taken any decision to restrict the production of coal in the mines under it;

(b) whether the NCDC has taken any steps to ensure that the public sector undertakings buy coal from their mines to the maximum possible; and