

that there will still be a balance of about Rs. 2 crores for which orders have yet to be placed by the industry.]

#### SETTING UP OF STEEL PLANTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

756. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue new licences for the setting up of steel plants in the private sector;

(b) if so, who are the parties;

(c) what are the capacities proposed to be licenced; and

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that some parties have signed collaboration agreements even before getting the licences?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SANJIVA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Government have no such information. Collaboration agreements could not have been finalised since this can be done only after Government's approval is accorded.

#### SETTING UP OF A NEW BODY TO LOOK AFTER NEW STEEL PLANTS

757. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new body is being set up to look after the new steel plants; and

(b) if so, when it will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However a Government of India Undertaking of the name of Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd., has been registered on

the 23rd June, 1964, to undertake steelworks construction. The Company is expected to start functioning shortly.

#### CEMENT FACTORIES OF DALMIA GROUP OF COMPANIES IN PAKISTAN

758. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan Government have decided to purchase cement factories of Dalmia Group in Pakistan; and

(b) if so, at what price?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBHUDHENDRA MISRA):

(a) and (b) A private party in Pakistan has made proposals for the purchase of the two Cement factories owned by Messrs. Dalmia Cement Ltd. in Pakistan. No sale agreement has yet been signed.

#### PRODUCTION OF STEEL

759. SHRI K. C. BAGHEL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for postponing the scheduled dates for commissioning of new units for the production of 2.5 million tons of steel per year;

(b) whether it is a fact that Coke Oven was commissioned in the month of May 1964 and that some control units are expected to arrive at Bhilai from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

(c) what is the reason for delay in the commissioning of the blast furnace; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to appoint some committee to look into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) to (d) The expansion of the Bhilai