

Governor, Chief Commissioner or Administrator, as the case may be;

(4) in lower formations under the Army, Navy or Air Force, the appropriate Principal Staff Officer at the Army Headquarters, Naval Headquarters and Air Headquarters and the Engineer-in-Chief Army Headquarters in respect of the Civilian personnel of the Military Engineering Services

S. B. BAPAT,  
Joint Secretary.

236. [Transferred to the 4th March, 1964]

#### STEEL PRODUCTION

237. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the steering group on iron and steel has submitted its recommendations regarding production of steel by the end of Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are its main recommendations; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) to (c). The Steering Group set up by the Government to help formulate the Fourth Five Year Plan for the iron and steel has arrived at a demand for steel amounting to 17.25 million ingot tonnes by 1970-71, including a provision for export. The report of the Steering Group is under examination.

#### REDUCTION IN COAL RAISING TARGET

238. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target of coal raising is going to be further reduced; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). It is true that for unavoidable reasons, of which an important one is the present fall in demand, the total production at the end of the plan may be only about 85 million tonnes, as against the original target of 98.3 million tonnes. This is, however, expected to meet adequately the total demand for coal at the end of the current Plan.

#### ACQUISITION OF JHARBERA MINES

239. SHRI DHANANJOY MOHANTY: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for acquisition of the Jharbera mines in Orissa for the Hindustan Steels Limited, Rourkela?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): No, Sir.

#### STEEL PRODUCTION

240. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of steel in all the Steel Plants in the country has increased in 1963; and

(b) if so, the details of production in each plant in each category of steel in that year?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XLVI, Annexure No. 21].