

been signed with the USSR organisation for supply of equipment, structural steelworks, refractories etc. from USSR. Government approval for the award of civil engineering contracts has already been given. Consignments of equipment etc. are arriving progressively from USSR under the credit contract. At present 35 Soviet experts have arrived at Bhilai to assist in the construction of expanded plant.

2. *Rourkela*.—The capacity of this plant is to be expanded from 1 million ingot tons to 1.8 million ingot tons. Tenders for all additional plant and equipment required for expansion of the plant have been received and examined. In respect of nearly all major items, letters of intent have been issued to the successful tenders. Firm contracts will be concluded by Hindustan Steel with these firms shortly.

3. *Durgapur*.—The capacity of this plant is being expanded from 1 million to 1.6 million tons. Tenders for all items have already been invited. Tenders for all except one item have been opened. It is expected that all orders, except for sintering plant, will be placed by the end of May, 1963. For sintering plant the tenders will be opened in May, 1963. This expansion work is expected to be completed by the end of 1965.

4. *Mysore Iron & Steel Works Ltd.*—The production capacity of this plant is being expanded from 35,000 to 100,000 tonnes per annum. Most of the equipment required for expansion has already been imported. Government have also decided in principle to convert the Mysore Iron & Steel Works for the production of Alloy & Special Steels. The capacity of the special steels production will be about 77,000 tonnes. The conversion programme is expected to be completed by the end of the Third Plan period.

5. *Indian Iron & Steel Co.*—Government have approved proposals for the phased expansion of steel pro-

duction of the IISCO at Burnpur from 1 million tonnes to 1.3 million tonnes.

(b) For the operation of expansion programme of steel plants in the public sector it is estimated that 614 engineers and 10,500 operatives and skilled workers are required. Out of 10,500 operatives and skilled workers it is expected that 50 per cent might be drawn from amongst the construction personnel with little or no training. Remaining 50 per cent technical personnel will be recruited and trained for which arrangements are in hand.

INCREASE IN COAL PRICE

333. SHRI N SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to further increase the price of coal?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): The matter is under consideration of Government.

TOUR OF BORDER AREAS BY MEMBERS OF BHARAT SADHU SAMAJ

334. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Bharat Sadhu Samaj of Rishikesh has approached Government for permission to tour the border areas in the North with a view to build up morale of the people there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R. M. HAJARNAVIS): No such request has been received by the Central Government.

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