

ROURKELA FERTILIZER PLANT

*121. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the completion of the Fertilizer Plant at Rourkela is likely to be delayed; and

(b) if so, by how many months?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Attention is invited to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 145 answered on the 2nd May, 1962 in this House. It was mentioned there that the plant will go into production in September, 1962. No further delay is anticipated.

(b) Does not arise.

BHOJUDIH COAL WASHERY

*122. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to expand the capacity of the coal washery at Bhojudih; and

(b) if so, by what time the expansion work will be completed?

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

(b) The expansion is expected to be completed by about the middle of 1963.

SINGARENI COLLIERIES

*123. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India propose to take over the control of the Singareni Collieries in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): The future pattern of assistance by the Government of India to the Singareni Collieries Company Limited, and the extent of the Centre's interest in the direction of its affairs, as a consequence thereof, are presently under consideration in consultation with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

*124 and *125. [Transferred to the 13th August, 1962.]

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

*126. SHRI BABUBHAI CHINAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 406 in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have set up an Agricultural Development Finance Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The matter is still under consideration.

SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IN STEEL PLANTS

*127. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the category-wise shortage of technical personnel in each of the three steel plants at Rourkela, Durgapur and Bhilai;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to make up the shortage; and

(c) by when Government expect to recruit the required technical personnel and how many of them will be recruited from foreign countries?