

RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 7th September, 1962/the
16th Bhadra, 1884 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the
clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SELECTION OF PERSONNEL FOR ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

4. SHRI DHANANJOY MOHANTY:
Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY
INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a non-technical high official of the Hindustan Steel Limited is being deputed to select and recruit highly technical personnel in West Germany for operation and maintenance of the Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) whether the same official has been authorised by Government to hold negotiations with the officials of the Bonn Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that a special press release giving a full account of the official's visit to West Germany was despatched exclusively to the German Press Correspondent in India on the 27th August, 1962; and

(d) if so, whether the press release had the prior approval of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND
HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b) The General Manager Rourkela, who is not a technical officer is visiting West Germany for recruitment of operational and maintenance personnel. A preliminary selection of such personnel has already been made by a technical officer from the plant and the General Manager in the final selection will also be assisted by the Chief Design Engineer of Hindustan Steel. During his visit the General Manager will also

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discuss with the German Government matters connected with Rourkela expansion.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir, since this is a part of the normal public relations of Hindustan Steel.

SHRI DHANANJOY MOHANTY:
May I know whether they did apply for passport together?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am not aware of the details of getting the passport.

SHRI N. C. KASLIWAL: It seems from the hon Minister's answer that this gentleman is going to visit the other places also like Paris and London. Why is he going there?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: For the purpose of finding the position with regard to spare parts and other things. In regard to Rourkela Plant expansion he has to deal with other matters. That is why he is being deputed to other countries.

SHRI NAFISUL HASAN: Are the posts under the purview of the U.P.S.C.?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No.

SHRI DHANANJOY MOHANTY:
Who will finance this trip to London, Paris and Austria?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The Hindustan Steel, Limited.

EARTH TREMORS IN GUJARAT

5. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL:
Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earth tremors were recently recorded about 100 miles north of Ahmedabad in Gujarat;