

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): So far the Hindustan Machine Tool, Limited, Bangalore have exported 21 Milling machines and one H26 Lathe to West Germany. Orders for the export of 2 Milling machines to West Germany are under execution. The company have also arranged to export 31 Lathes to Messrs. Oerlikon Machine Tool Works, Zurich, Switzerland. The possibilities of exporting machines to U.S.A. are being explored.

COST OF RAISING COAL AT SUDAMDIH

769. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of raising coal at Sudamdih will be higher than that of the private sector collieries; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) National Coal Development Corporation's Sudamdih mine will be worked at a greater depth than any of the mines in the private sector, working in the neighbourhood. As the cost figures of private sector collieries are not published, it is difficult to compare the cost of raising coal at Sudamdih with that of the collieries in the private sector. The project report for the Sudamdih mine is under preparation and the economics of the project will be known only after the project report has been prepared.

(b) Does not arise.

NON-AVAILABILITY OF COAL AT N.C.D.C. COLLIERIES

770. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether it is a fact that at some of the quarries and collieries of the National Coal

Development Corporation the wagons meant for movement of coal are pulled out empty due to non-availability of coal?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): With its present level of production the National Coal Development Corporation loads about 14,000 wagons per month. Loading of wagons on a particular day depends on several factors, such as availability of wagons at particular times, availability of labour, production of coal being according to schedule or not, such production itself being dependent on various factors inside the colliery. It is quite possible therefore, that sometimes, though rarely, all the wagons cannot be loaded due to one or more of the above reasons, but the reason is not necessarily nonavailability of coal always.

OFFICERS BELONGING TO S.C.S.T. IN LAW MINISTRY

771. SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of LAW be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Class I, Class II and Class III officers serving in his Ministry;

(b) the number of officers belonging to the Scheduled Castes serving in Class I, Class II and Class III posts respectively; and

(c) whether the percentage fixed for recruitment of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been completed, and if not, what is the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW (SHRI A. K. SEN): (a) Class I .. 64

Class II .. 147

Class III .. 176

(b) Class I .. Nil

Class II .. 10

Class III .. 10