

compares with the cost of acquisition of land at Durgapur and Bhilai?

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

(b) Subject to the reimbursement of the full cost of land acquisition and resettlement cost.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Subject to the reimbursement of the cost of acquisition and resettlement.

(e) Rs. 1,06,48,217-00.

(f) The average cost of acquisition of land per acre at Rourkela is Rs. 900 as against Rs. 1174 for Durgapur and Rs. 598 for Bhilai.

ACCIDENT AT ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

SHRI DHANANJOY

746. MOHANTY:

SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the cause of the accident that caused the death of a young German Engineer recently at the Rourkela Steel Plant; and

(b) whether the crane involved in the accident lacked any safety measures?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) The deceased tried to climb on top of a crane from the crane runway by stepping on the first step of the ladder while the crane was in motion. The crane was very near the column at that time and the deceased was crushed between the column and the crane. This accident could have been avoided if the deceased had refrained from climbing the moving crane.

(b) No, Sir.

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MEMBERS OF RESERVE FORCES OF INDIA

747. SHRI BANSI LAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the members of the Reserve Forces of India when they are not on duty, are considered to be members of the Armed Forces of the Union; and

(b) if so, whether they enjoy the rights, powers and privileges of the Armed Forces of the Union, when they are not on duty?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON): (a) Yes, Sir, in that they are expected to join the colours when called upon to do so and are so liable under the law.

(b) No, Sir. Members of the Reserve Forces are governed by different terms from those actually serving into the colours. On recall to colours, however, they are both entitled and liable to the same conditions and treatment as regular members of the Services.

PURCHASE OF TRANSPORT PLANES FROM USSR

748. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have recently placed an order on the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the purchase of transport planes; and

(ib) if so, the details thereof as to the purchase price, conditions of delivery and the mode of payment?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON): (a) Negotiations in regard to heavy transport aircraft for immediate requirements have been in progress and phased procurement is being planned.