

DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

*133. **SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL:** Will the Minister of **STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Durgapur Steel Plant had recently to go slow due to the non-availability of raw materials?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): No, Sir. The stock position of raw materials has been satisfactory.

HEAVY ENGINEERING CORPORATION, RANCHI

*134. **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 date of the Heavy Machine Building and the Foundry Forge Projects under Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi is likely to be extended by two years or so, and

(b) if so, why?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) The construction of Heavy Machine Building Plant is running as per schedule drawn up for the final stage of 80,000 tons capacity. The original time schedule for the Foundry Forge Plant was based on the construction of the first stage of the project corresponding to a production capacity of 23,000 tons of Heavy Machine Building Plant and also on the data regarding the soil conditions and availability of structural and construction equipment as envisaged earlier. The schedule for the Foundry Forge Plant was revised when the contract for the second stage for a corresponding production capacity of 45,000 tons at the Heavy Machine Building Plant was signed on the 31st March, 1961, with Messrs. Technoexport. The revised time sche-

dule has now been maintained for the completion of the first and second stages of the Foundry Forge Project simultaneously.

MEETING OF THE AID INDIA CLUB

*135. **SHRI M. BASAVAPUNNAIAH:** Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the decisions of the recent meeting of the Aid India Club held at Washington in regard to economic aid to India; and

(b) if so, whether in this connection Government have sought any clarification from the members of the said Club?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of seeking clarification from the members of the Consortium does not arise.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENETICS AND BIOMETRY UNIT IN CALCUTTA

*136. **SHRI M. BASAVAPUNNAIAH:** Will the Minister of **SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to Prof. J.B.S. Haldane's letter in the *Amrita Bazar Patrika* of May 30, 1962 regarding the establishment of "Genetics and Biometry Research Unit in Calcutta with effect from the 1st November, 1961 with Prof. J. B. S. Haldane as its Head"; and

(b) what is the correct position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The hon. Member's attention is drawn to the Statement I made in the House on 18th June, 1962.