

(b) how many persons were (i) arrested and (ii) prosecuted for smuggling or selling of contraband opium during the same period; and

(c) how many persons were convicted and the amount of fine realised during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) A total quantity of 28,137 kgms. of opium was seized during the years 1959-61.

(b) 25,161 persons were arrested and prosecuted.

(c) 15,534 persons were convicted. The fine is realised by the State Governments and the Central Government do not have information regarding this.

RAW COAL TAR

100. SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state;

(a) What is the quantity of raw coal tar produced annually in the public sector;

(b) whether the entire quantity is sold away, if so, who purchases it and at what rate;

(c) whether there are any applications pending decision for purchase of raw coal tar from the Rourkela Steel Plant, if so, who are the applicants; and

(d) whether Government have any scheme to utilise the raw coal tar produced in the public sector instead of selling it to the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) Raw coal tar being produced in the public sector steel plants is as follows: —

Rourkelav	.. 85 tons per day
Bhilai	.. 150 tons per day
Durgapur	.. 120 tons per day

(b) The total production is not sold away since there is adequate equip-

ment at all the plants for distilling the entire normal production to obtain various by-products. Occasional surplus occurring due to temporary shut down or non-availability of wagons is sold on *ad hoc* basis to distillers and dealers, preference being given to distillers.

(c) There is no application pending.

(d) All the 3 plants have distillation plants to distil crude coal tar to obtain valuable products like Naphthalene, creosote oil, road tar, tar acid, processed tar, which is raw material for manufacturing carbon black, and distillation capacity of the plant is as follows:—

Rourkela	.. 310 tons per day
Bhilai	.. 180 tons per day
Durgapur "	.. 250 tons per day

TOTAL 740

It will be thus seen that there is surplus capacity to distil the entire quantity of crude tar produced.

DEATHS ETC. OF WORKERS OF ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

101. SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many workers of the Rourkela Steel Plant have (i) died and (ii) sustained injuries while on duty during the period from January, 1962 to May, 1962; and

(b) whether any enquiry has been made into the causes of death and in jury in these cases, and if so, whether a copy of the enquiry report will be placed on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : (a) 3 persons died and 89 sustained injuries.

(b) Two enquiry Committees were set up by Hindustan Steel Limited to enquire into the fatal accidents. Report has just been received and is being examined.