

the breakdown. One was headed b/ Mr. Hayath and the other was by-Mr. Isaac. Therefore, the hon. Member may be assured that Indian experts also have had a look into it.

SHRI NIREN GHOSH: May I know whether the General Superintendent of Rourkela Steel Works has tendered his resignation?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am not aware of it.

BHILAI STEEL WORKS

*401. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state whether it is a fact that slowing down of rolling mills in the Bhilai Steel Works has recently been ordered owing to lack of wagon allotment to move the stocks out of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) : During the first fortnight of April, 1962, one of the mills at Bhilai slowed down rolling on account of congestion in the stock-yard. The situation has since improved with the assistance of the Railways.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: I would like to know what is the production capacity of this plant and how much stocks were held up on account of the non-movement of these stocks out of the factory?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The capacity is 1 million tons of ingot steel, but if the hon. Member is interested in the stock position with regard to the various items, I can give it but I can assure the hon. Member that there has been considerable improvement now and there is no congestion.

SHRI SURJIT SINGH: May I know whether huge quantities of rejected rails are lying in the steel yard and if so, how the Government proposes to dispose of them?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I would like to have notice.

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरडिया :

जैसा कि माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने अभी बतलाया कि रेलवेज से कोआर्डिनेशन करके हमने अब स्थिति को ठीक कर लिया है तो क्या यह कोआर्डिनेशन पहले नहीं किया जा सकता था ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: There was a certain delay in moving these articles because of certain other activities to which the Railways had to give priority particularly during the Goa action. That is why there were some congestions. There is continuous co-ordination—attempted coordination anyhow—'between the Railways and the Bhilai Steel Works.

SHRI N. C. KASLIWAL: May I have an assurance from the Minister that in no case will there be a slowing down of production and that the Railways have promised to give the necessary wagons?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is not a question of the Railways or the Railway Minister giving a promise. Sometimes a situation arises where in spite of ourselves there is slowing down of the movement and I cannot give a positive assurance that on no account would such a situation arise.

SHRI A. D. MANI: I would like to ask the Minister whether any officer of the Bhilai Steel Works is associated with the railway set-up in respect of advice about wagon allotments?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: There is a Movement Officer but in spite of that, as I already stated, there was a difficult period when the Railways could not cope up with the production in the Bhilai Steel Plant and sufficient numbers of wagons were not available but now the situation has considerably improved.

*402. {The questioner (Shri A. C. Gilbert) was absent. For answer vide cols. 2774-75 infra.]