

it more than once in this House as well as in the other.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: In view of the fact that these are Councils of a special type, may I know whether the Trade Union Organisations and the Employees' Associations have been consulted in the matter and, if so, what reaction they have given to the proposal and whether they have made any suggestions?

SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT: The proposals have not yet been even tentatively finalised but there are some recognised unions and some have been derecognised. I think the hon. Member is referring to the recognised unions only.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RESIDENT DIRECTOR OF THE ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

•214. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Resident Director of the Rourkela Steel Plant has tendered his resignation, and if so, whether he has given any reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND FUEL (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : The Resident Director, Rourkela, desired to leave the service of Hindustan Steel for personal reasons and did so by giving the required notice under the terms of his contract of employment.

ADDITIONAL FREIGHT OF RS. 40 PER TON FOR SOVIET TANKER FOR DELIVERING CARGO AT COCHIN

•217. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of Rs. 40-00 per ton as additional freight for delivering the cargo at Cochin has been agreed to by the Indian Oil Company for payment to the Russian tanker for diverting it from Bombay as appeared in the issue of the 'Statesman' of 14th November, 1960; and

(b) if so, what are the circumstances under which such payment was agreed to?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVTYA): (a) and (b) The Indian Oil Company received its first tanker of High Speed Diesel Oil from U.S.S.R. towards the end of August 1960. This oil was discharged in the two tanks at Bombay which the Company had acquired from the Army. The second tanker, carrying Kerosene from U.S.S.R., reached Bombay on 7-11-60. To create ullage for the incoming Kerosene at Bombay, the Company decided to transfer approximately 3,600 tons of H.S.D. from one of the tanks at Bombay to its tank at Cochin which is the main port for supply of petroleum products to Kerala State and adjoining areas. Charter hire payable to the Russian tanker for transport of H.S.D. Stock from Bombay to Cochin has been agreed to be worked out on the basis of the usual charter hire for the coastal tanker of the Government of India. Press story in this regard was not wholly correct on facts.

मेरठ में विश्वविद्यालय की स्थापना

*२२२. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान: क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग ने मेरठ में विश्वविद्यालय खोले जाने के बारे में सहमति दे दी है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो आयोग द्वारा इस कार्य के लिये क्या क्या सहायता दी जायेगी ?