

STATEMENT

The Bokaro Steel Plant is likely to be commissioned in 1969 and it will start production soon thereafter. The Detailed Project Report is expected to be received here in a few days. 12,955 acres of land have been acquired out of about 36,830 acres required for the project and site preparation work has been taken up by the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited, a public sector concern. Planning and execution of ancillary facilities like the Tenughat and Garga Dams to provide water supply, the township, the hospital and office buildings are under way. About 1000 permanent quarters and a temporary 50-bedded hospital have been constructed. A preliminary prospecting report on the deposits of limestone at Bhavnathpur in the Palamau district of Bihar has been prepared and the services of four Soviet specialists have been acquired for preparing a detailed project report for the development of the Bhavnathur limestone deposits.

The supply of basic raw material like coal, iron ore and limestone has been planned. Full scale oven tests on blends of coal to be procured from existing washeries at Karagali, Kathara and Dugda are being done in collaboration with Soviet specialists. The National Metallurgical Laboratory has prepared a report on the Pilot Plant Study of the beneficiation of iron ore samples from the Kiriburu mines as well as of the production of high basicity sinter for the Bokaro Steel Plant. This report has been sent to the Soviet Consultants.

The detailed project report with drawings, etc. for the structural fabrication shop to be set up at Bokaro has been received from the U.S.S.R. and is under examination. A preliminary estimate of the requirements of supervisory technical manpower has been made. Bokaro Steel has

been participating jointly with Hindustan Steel in the steel oriented training of engineering students.]

EXPORTS TO POLAND

of SHRIMATI LALITHA (RAJA-ji, J. GOPALAN):
") SHRIMATI TARA RAM-L
CHANDRA SATHE;

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to export materials other than iron ore to Poland; and

(b) if so, what are these materials?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) Trade with Poland is governed by a bilateral agreement and a number of commodities and manufactured articles are included in the shopping lists. The schedules to the Trade & Payments Agreement dated the 18th December, 1963 gives a full list of such items.

ALUMINIUM PROJECTS AT KOYNA AND KORBA

*460. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a company has been set up to construct, manage and operate aluminium projects at Koyna and Korba.

(b) when the project reports for both the projects will be ready; and

(c) what is the quantum of assistance that will be received from Hungary and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY): (a) A new company under the name "Bharat Aluminium Company (P)