

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): Yes, Sir. The Editor may, if necessary, add to the same.

#### Steel Supply to Bihar

\*1746. Shri P. G. Sen: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why State of Bihar got irregular supply of Iron and Steel requirements during the past few years in spite of the fixation of quota;

(b) the percentage of allotted quota received in comparison to other States during the last year;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Bihar Government has set up recently a Liaison Office at Calcutta for the purpose; and

(d) how many other States have their Liaison Office there?

The Minister of Steel Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Supply of steel is irregular not only against States quotas but also against other quotas for various reasons such as availability with Producers, categories indented for, planning and rolling programmes, transport difficulties, settlement of financial arrangements between indenter and supplier, etc.

(b) A statement showing the allotment and despatches for the period from 1-4-57 to 31-12-57 is placed on the table of the Lok Sabha. [See appendix VII, annexure No. 121.]

(c) It is understood from the State Government that they are contemplating to appoint a Liaison Officer at Calcutta to keep regular contact with the Iron and Steel Controller.

(d) Uttar Pradesh and Assam States.

#### Commonwealth Naval Exercises

\*1750. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commonwealth Naval exercises are sche-

duled to be held off Trincomalee (Ceylon) from May to July, 1958; and

(b) if so, whether India is participating in them?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramiah): (a) and (b): Yes.

#### Output of Coal

2529. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the total output of coal during 1957-58 State-wise; and

(b) the total output of coal exported to foreign countries, country-wise, during the same period?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Total output of coal during 1957-58 (upto end of February, 1958) is as below:

State	Output (in thousand tons)
Andhra . . . . .	1,819.2
Assam . . . . .	521.5
Bengal . . . . .	12,738.5
Bihar . . . . .	19,566.9
Bombay . . . . .	591.6
Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	4,665.8
Orissa . . . . .	480.8
Rajasthan . . . . .	15.8

(b) The total exports of coal to foreign countries during 1957-58 (upto end of February, 1958) are as follows:

Country	Export (in thousand tons)
Aden . . . . .	7.1
Burma . . . . .	277.8
Ceylon . . . . .	168.6
East Africa . . . . .	0.1
Egypt . . . . .	5.8
Ethiopia . . . . .	8.3