

interests of the Corporation, purchases are now being made by the Corporation on a moderate scale by placing, on its own initiative, orders with its Brokers for purchase of specific scrips at specified prices. Offers made by Brokers are also considered, as before, on merits.

International Geophysical Year Conference

*956. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 201 on the 24th November, 1958 and state.

(a) whether the report of the Indian Delegation of Scientists which attended the Fifth Conference of the International Geophysical year held in Moscow has been studied, and

(b) if so, the decisions taken thereon?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir. The report has been studied by the Indian National Committee for the International Geophysical Year.

(b) The Committee has recommended to the Indian Organisations participating in the International Geophysical Year to continue their activities in the present form for one more year i.e. till the end of December 1959.

Blast Furnace of Indian Iron and Steel Company

*957. { Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shrimati Masida Ahmed.

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Iron and Steel Company management had sealed off all the blast furnaces of their Plant at Burnpur in January, 1959;

(b) if so, the extent of loss of production; and

(c) the reasons for sealing off of the blast furnaces?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (c) Due to a strike by twelve crane drivers the steel-making open hearth furnaces of the Company at Burnpur had to be closed down. Owing to the stoppage of steel-making facilities the Company had to curtail its production of pig iron by closing down two blast furnaces for a day or two and running the remaining two blast furnaces at reduced level of production. The loss of production is estimated to be about 16000 tons of steel.

Western Zonal Council

*959. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shri Assar:
Shri Keshava:
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing the nature of decisions taken and suggestions made at the second meeting of the Western Zonal Council held at Bombay during last week of December, 1958?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): A copy of the proceedings embodying the decisions taken by the Council will be laid in the Parliament library during the course of this month.

प्रादेशिक और देवनागरी लिपियों में चार्ट

*९६० श्री भक्त दर्शन क्या शिक्षा मंत्री १८ दिसम्बर, १९५८ के प्रतारकित प्रश्न सख्या २१०३ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि हिन्दी सीखने को सरल बनाने के लिये प्रादेशिक व देवनागरी लिपियों में चार्ट तैयार करने के सिलसिले में इस बीच और क्या प्रगति हुई ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० का० ला० खीनाली): सभी प्रादेशिक भाषाओं के चार्ट तैयार हो