

saleable steel, ranging from Rs. 169 to Rs. 374 per tonne over the corresponding values in 1973-74. Similar cost reductions have also been attained in other plants like TISCO and IISCO. However, these reductions in the cost of production have been totally offset by escalation in the cost of raw materials and wages which have been of the order of Rs. 350 to Rs. 450 per tonne.

(d) Adoption of standard cost and budgetary control methods are used for a systematic monitoring of the implementation of cost reduction programmes. Monthly cost and variance reports are being reviewed in a 3-tier system from the shop floor to the Top management.

#### **Furnishing Residence of Minister of Communications**

2264. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his official residence in Delhi was furnished by Posts and Telegraphs Departments at a cost of Rs. 4 lakhs; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

The Posts and Telegraphs Department did not supply any furniture for the provisional official residence of the Minister of Communications at 23, Safdarjung Road, New Delhi. The CPWD has, however, supplied for this residence furniture valued at Rs. 28,895/- which is much below the ceiling of Rs. 38,500/- prescribed for the Cabinet Ministers.

Furniture of the portion of the bungalow utilised for office purposes by the Minister and his staff has been supplied by the Ministry of Communications, by the transfer, as a matter of course of articles of furniture etc., from the residence of the predecessor of the present Minister.

The above furniture has been supplied from the stocks already available with the Government, and no additional expenditure has been incurred.

#### **Meeting of Junior Doctors of Maulana Azad Medical College, Irwin and G. B. Pant Hospitals, Delhi**

2266. SHRI R. V SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether general body meeting of the Junior Doctors of Maulana Azad Medical College and Irwin and G. B. Pant Hospitals in Delhi have condemned the interference of politicians in day to day working of hospitals;

(b) whether they have condemned the alleged manhandling of doctors by the relations of a patient who had brought recommendatory letter from his special assistant;

(c) the facts of the incident and the action taken by him to avoid such incidents in future; and

(d) whether the doctors had protested against this on the 22nd May, 1977?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) and (b). No. A resolution purported to have been passed by the Junior Doctors was received by the Medical Superintendent, Irwin Hospital, New Delhi.

(c) Shri Satram Dass, who was admitted with a stab injury in Surgical Ward in Irwin Hospital in the 17th April, 1977 and was discharged from the Hospital on the 7th May, 1977, continued to stay in the Hospital. On the 20th May, 1977, a group of persons called on the Health Minister on behalf of the patient for explaining the difficulties including alleged indifferent treatment given to him in the Hospital. A letter was addressed by the Health Minister's Private Secretary to the Medical Sup-