

ment's attention has been drawn to the news-item in the *Statesman* of the 27th February 1961, regarding the increasing goondaism in Rehgarpura, Delhi, and the failure of the police to control the situation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): I have seen the news item in question. None of the incidents mentioned therein has been found to be correct. The law and order situation in Rehgarpura and its neighbourhood is well under control.

Plates and Sheets Produced at Rourkela Plant

1780. Shri Chandak: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether plates and sheets produced at Rourkela plant are to be distributed under a liberalised policy to actual users without quota certificates;

(b) whether the Iron and Steel, Controller had invited indents for Rourkela steel from actual users for the period October, 1960—March, 1961;

(c) how many indents were received in September and October, 1960;

(d) how many of these indents had been planned; and

(e) why other indents, received in September, and October, 1960 had not been planned?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir. Indents for plates and Black Plain sheets (10 to 14 gauge) can be placed by actual consumers and stockists, without any authorisation or quota certificate. This relaxation is applicable to the other Main Producers also, viz., M/s. Tata Iron and Steel Co., and M/s. Indian Iron and Steel Co.

(b) Yes, Sir. From actual users as well as from the Stockists.

(c) 2,266.

(d) About 30 per cent.

(e) Other indents had to be returned to the indentors for re-submission, as these were not drawn up according to the prescribed procedure.

Coal Production

1781. Shri Radha Mohan Singh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been over-production of coal during the last four months;

(b) whether over a million tons of coal is lying in Railway sidings and pit mouths for lack of wagons for transport;

(c) whether coal production operations are threatened to be slowed down if sufficient transport vehicles are not provided by the month of April, 1961; and

(d) what immediate steps Government propose to take in the matter to ease the situation and keep up the tempo of production at the present level?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) There is this possibility, if there is no improvement in transport availability.

(d) Government have set up a Committee of Secretaries to go into the question and suggest measures for improving the facilities for the movement of coal. The report of the Committee is awaited.

Gypsum Mines

1782. Shri Palaniandy: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gypsum mines in India, State-wise;

(b) the quantity of gypsum available annually from these mines, mine-wise; and