

Re-rolling Mills in India

2751. **SHRI ANNABAHUB GOTKHI-NDE:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Steel Re-rolling Mills in the country with their broad classification;

(b) how are the re-rolling materials distributed by Government among their names; and

(c) whether there are any Trade Associations of these mills, and if so, their names; and

(d) whether one or more of these Trade Associations are recognised by Government and if so, the criterion for granting recognition to such Trade Associations and what benefits accrue to the Members of the Trade Association that is recognised by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA) (4) According to the information available with the Iron and Steel Controller, there are 123 billet re-rollers, and 104 scrap re-rollers in the country, besides 748 smaller units registered with the respective Directors of Industries which use re-rollable scrap as raw material.

(b) The Joint Plant Committee distribute 2/3rd of the re-rollable scrap arisings of the main steel producers to the re-rollers on the lists of the Directors of Industries, and 1/3rd to the scrap re-rolling mills on the lists of the Steel Re-rolling Mills Association.

(c) There are several Associations of steel re-rollers such as the Steel Re-rolling Mills Association All-India Steel Re-rollers Association, and many other associations representing small scale re-rollers.

(d) Government have not formally recognised any Trade Association of Re-rollers.

Shifting of H.Q. Sukinda Nickel Plant of Orissa to Bhubaneswar

2752. **SHRI ARJUN SETHI:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state whether Government have decided to shift the Headquarters of the proposed Sukinda Nickel Plant of Orissa to Bhubaneswar or to the plant site?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): Government have not yet taken any decision regarding the exact location of Headquarters in Orissa of the proposed Sukinda Nickel Project.

The question of shifting the Headquarters to Bhubaneswar or the plant site, therefore, does not arise.

Progress made by lead Project at Sargipallin in Sundargarh District

2753. **SHRI D. K. PANDA:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in regard to the lead project at Sargipallin in Sundargarh District since its foundation stone was laid sometime back;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the expenditure so far incurred on the project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Hindustan Zinc Ltd., to whom a mining lease over the Sargipallin lead deposit has been recently granted by the Government of Orissa, have drawn up a scheme for exploiting the prospect, including advance action for opening up the deposit and continuance of further developmental work leading to the preparation of an economic feasibility report of the project. The Company has obtained ap-

approval of its Board and is expected to commence work shortly.

(c) About Rs. 6.11 lakhs have been incurred upto June, 1973 on drilling, development of mines, etc.

Capacity utilised in Public Sector Units

2754. **SHRI D. K. PANDA:** Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average utilisation of capacity in public sector units under his Ministry was only 30 per cent;

(b) if so, the names of units which are utilising the capacity more than 30 per cent and those that are utilising the capacity less than 30 per cent; and

(c) what concrete measures Government propose to take to utilize the existing capacity?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). A statement showing the installed capacity, production during 1972-73 and percentage of utilized capacity in respect of the Public Sector Units under the administrative control of the Ministry of Heavy Industry is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5370/73].

(c) In order to improve the working of these public sector undertakings, under the administrative control of the Ministry of Heavy Industry, Government have taken a number of measures. These measures include progressive introduction of rational personnel policy, incentive schemes, improved methods of production planning and control, timely planned procurement of raw materials and components, double/triple shift

working in appropriate areas, diversification of production programme, development of ancillary industries, strengthening of management, improvement of industrial relations etc. Apart from this, performance of all the public sector undertakings is ministered continuously by the Ministry.

Production of Pumps and Compressors in Public Sector

2755. **SHRI BAKSI NAYAK:** Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to make pumps and compressors in the public sector;

(b) if so, main features of the plan; and

(c) the targetted capacity for the coming year and the financial implications thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) Yes Sir, Government have set up Bharat Pumps and Compressors Ltd, Naini, near Allahabad, for this purpose

(b) Bharat Pumps and Compressors Ltd, will produce Centrifugal pumps, Reciprocating Pumps and Reciprocating Compressors required by certain key industries such as Fertilizer, Oil refinery, Petrochemicals, Oil and Gas Exploration, Steel, Food and Breweries etc. They intend to manufacture 660 number of Centrifugal Pumps, 65 numbers of Reciprocating pumps and 60 numbers of Reciprocating Compressors by 1976-77.

(c) In 1974-75, the company plan to manufacture 350 members of Centrifugal Pumps, and 50 number each of Reciprocating Pumps and Compressors, the total value of which will be about Ra. 10 crores.