

Finished Steel Pile up with various Plants

578. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 3,00,000 tonnes of finished steel have piled up at various plants and stockyards for which there is no buyer and SAIL has been exploring possibilities of exporting them; and

(b) if so, broad outlines of the fact?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) and (b). About a months' production i.e. about 3 lakh tonnes of finished steel is lying at various plants and stockyards. There is no difficulty in selling finished steel items except bars, where the demand has come down. Arrangements are being made to export surplus bars.

Dissatisfaction among Trade Unions and Industrial Organisations on Bonus Review Committee Report

579. SHRI S. R. DAMANI:
SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether many trade unions as well as industrial organizations have expressed dissatisfaction over the recommendations of the Bonus Review Committee; and

(b) if so, their main objections and the manner in which Government propose to meet them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) Apart from what has appeared in the Press, no representation in this regard has been specifically received by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Traffic handling by Paradip Port

580. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Paradip Port is running into difficulties after its good record of handling traffic of 2.74 lakh tonnes in March last year;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof including the responsibility of MMTC and the Railways; and

(c) the steps taken to bring about coordination among all concerned to make the fullest use of this deep-draft port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) to (c). Under-utilisation of the Port's capacity results in losses to the Paradip Port. Problems relating to the movement of iron ore from the port are taken up with MMTC and the Railways from time to time. A meeting was convened in the Ministry on 19th August, 1974 to discuss the question of effective co-ordination between the Railways, MMTC and the Port Trust. At an inter-Ministerial meeting held in the Ministry on 8th November, 1974 the representatives of Railways and MMTC agreed that handling of iron ore would be geared up to make up for the shortfall in the current year to the maximum extent possible.

Mineral Deposits in U.P.

581. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received any report from the U.P. State Government about the extensive mineral deposits in some Districts of the State; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof and further action Union Government propose to take in the matter?