

(ब) यदि हां, तो सरकार को इस सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

इत्याद, बाल तथा चातु बंधी] (बा० चन्ना रेड्डी) : (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास इस विषय में कोई सूचना नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता ।

Pig Iron Plant in Haryana

1305. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:

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

(a) the progress made so far in the setting up of pig iron plant in Haryana; and

(b) the time by which it will be commissioned?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) and (b). The Letter of Intent stands extended upto the 31st October, 1967. In line with the general decision taken by Government, the project authorities have been advised to procure equipment indigenously. Proposal are awaited.

Mineral Survey in Haryana

1306. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for mineral survey in Haryana State has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) and (b). A general geological survey and preliminary mineral assessment of the State has almost been completed and this has brought to light some minerals, of which iron ores and limestone are of economic importance. Calcite, copper ores, felspar, clays, slates, quartz and glass sands, garnets

and salt petre are also recorded in this state. Further detailed investigation by drilling for iron ore in Mohindergarh is in progress.

Indian Oxygen Ltd., Calcutta

1307. Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri Dhireswar Kalita:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether organisations of employees of the Indian Oxygen Ltd., Calcutta, have urged Government to nationalise the company, in view of the strategic importance of this industry from the point of national defence; and

(b) if so, whether any action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) A suggestion for nationalisation of M/s. Indian Oxygen Ltd. was received from All Indian Oxygen & Acetylene Employees' Federation.

(b) No, Sir.

Utilisation of Capacity of Private Sector Steel Plants

1308. Shri Dhireswar Kalita:
Dr. Ranen Sen:

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

(a) whether the utilisation of capacity in the private sector steel plants in the last three years has improved or declined;

(b) the percentage of utilisation of capacity during the last five years, plant-wise; and

(c) the extent to which the under utilisation of capacity has affected the cost of production of steel in the country?