

SHRI JAI-SINGH :
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to undertake the production of cameras, electric bulbs and tube lights is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the detail thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL TRADE (SHRI M. R. KRISHNA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of equipment by Hindustan Steel Ltd. for Bokaro Steel Plant

277. **SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :**
SHRI D. N. DEB :
SHRI K. M. KAUSHIK :
SHRI R. K. AMIN :
SHRI N. K. SOMANI :
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :
SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA :
SHRI PILOO MODY :
DR. M. SANTOSHAM :
SHRI R. BARUA :
SHRI RABI RAY :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a statement made by the Managing Director of the Bokaro Steel Ltd., in Patna on May 11, 1970 that the Hindustan Steel Ltd. has been behind schedule in the supply of equipment which is responsible for the delay in erection of the Bokaro Steel Project ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY

ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) In a Press Conference at Patna on the 11th May, 1970, the Chairman and Managing Director of the Bokaro Steel Ltd. had stated in reply to a question that the delay in the construction of the Project could be attributed, in general, to its size and complexity. He had also added that one of the specific factors responsible for this delay had been the difficulty of securing, in time, supplies of equipment and materials from indigenous sources. No reference was made in the Press Conference to Hindustan Steel Ltd. which, in fact, has not undertaken manufacture/supply of any equipment for the Bokaro Steel Plant.

(b) Government are fully aware of the various factors which have a bearing on the timely construction of the Plant and all efforts are being made to ensure that the Project is completed in accordance with the accepted time-schedule.

Extension of Sealdah-Diamond Harbour Line upto Kakdwip (Eastern Railway)

278. **SHRI B. K. MODAK :**
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :
SHRI BHAGAHAN DAS :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been suggested to him that the Sealdah-Diamond Harbour line in the Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railway should be extended upto Kakdwip ;

(b) if so, whether Government would take forthwith necessary steps in this regard ; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor ;

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA) : (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Due to paucity of funds and lack of adequate traffic justification, it is not possible to consider the extension of the Railway line to Kakdwip at present.