

LOK SABHA

Friday, April 12, 1985/Chaitra 22, 1907
(Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBER SWORN

[English]

Shrimati Dil Kumari Bhandari (Sikkim)

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : One more addition to the Opposition.

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Semi-Opposition.

MR. SPEAKER : She is on my side.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : More and more Chief Ministers are sending their wives to the House.

MR. SPEAKER : I think, they are monopolising the representation.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : I, hope, their relations are becoming sweeter and sweeter.

MR. SPEAKER : You were one of them.

SHRI G. G. SWELL : No chance of his becoming a Chief Minister.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Fire in Durgapur Steel Plant

*406. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY† :
SHRI S. M. BHATTAM :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a big fire broke out in the Durgapur Steel Plant on 16 March, 1985;

(b) if so, the area of the plant affected by fire;

(c) the items that have been burnt and damaged by the fire;

(d) the estimated loss as a result thereof;

(e) the causes of the fire; and

(f) whether any enquiry has been conducted in the matter and responsibility fixed for the outbreak of the fire ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (f). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b). On 16th March, 1985 a fire broke out in the storage yard of M/s. Elektrim M/s. Desein and M/s. Crompton Greaves Limited-contractors engaged in the construction of the 2 × 60 MW Captive Power Plant at Durgapur Steel Plant. The open storage yard of the contractors near the construction site was affected by the fire.

(c) Based on a preliminary report submitted by M/s. Elektrim-M/s. Desein and M/s. Crompton Greaves 398 tonnes of equipment of M/s. Elektrim-M/s. Desein consisting of items of turbogenerator, electrical equipments, instruments, boiler, electrostatic precipitator, electrical cables and spares and 700 tonnes of equipment of M/s. Crompton Greaves, consisting of power cables, control cables, control panels and other accessories are reported to have been damaged by the fire.

(d) All the plant and equipment for the captive power plant are under the custody and direct responsibility of the contractors and are insured till erection and handing over to Durgapur Steel Plant. The contractors have indicated that their preliminary/provisional assesment of damage is Rs. 4.87 crores to M/s. Elektrim-M/s. Desein and Rs. 6