

**Alleged irregularities and lapses in
HISCO**

*567. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD
MANDAL:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the complaints about irregularities and lapses in HISCO; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND
MINES (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination.

**Heavy Engineering Corporation,
Ranchi**

*568. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the
Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre is making efforts to ensure that the Heavy Engineering Corporation at Ranchi break even during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the target for each month, to enable correct evaluation of performance?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY
INDUSTRY (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a)
Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-8340/74].

**Discussion between India and
Indonesia for Cultural Exchange**

3880. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will
the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any discussion between the Governments of India and Indonesia recently on cultural exchange between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the concrete programmes chalked for the year 1974-75?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At the 5th annual Indo-Indonesia Bilateral Talks held at Jakarta in early August 1974, a number of suggestions for promoting cultural exchanges were considered. The Indonesian side stated that as far as they were concerned, they did not work on the basis of annual programmes but on that of concrete programmes.

**Decline in Production of Saleable
Steel**

3881. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the
Minister of STEEL AND MINES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of saleable steel went down in 1973-74;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are making efforts to reach the target; and

(d) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES
(SHRI SUBODH HANEDA): (a) Yes.