

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2608
FOR ANSWER ON 15/12/2011

ATTACK BY HOOLIGANS IN DURGAPUR STEEL PLANT

2608. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 23 regular and contract workers were injured within the premises of Durgapur Steel Plant on 10th September, 2011 after attack by armed hooligans;
- (b) whether a Member of Parliament had sought intervention of Hon'ble Minister and CMD, SAIL in a letter dated 22 September, 2011;
- (c) whether a Deputy General Manager (Personnel) had responded evasively to the same on November 9, 2011;
- (d) whether there is any protocol in the Ministry in responding to a complaint by Member of Parliament;
- (e) whether similar incidence of violence has taken place again on November 16, 2011; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and action taken so far?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a) SAIL has reported that an incident of clash between two groups of contract workers within the premises of Durgapur Steel Plant took place on 10.9.2011 in which some contract workers were injured. However, there has been no report about injury to regular employees or attack by armed hooligans.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The reference received from Hon'ble MPs addressed to the Minister is examined in consultation with concerned CPSE/organization before a reply is sent by the Minister. In the instant case, SAIL has apprised to the Hon'ble MP about the factual position and corrective measures taken to avoid the recurrence of such incidents through a communication addressed to the Private Secretary to Hon'ble M.P.

(d) Yes, Sir. The references from Hon'ble M.Ps, are acknowledged by the Minister and a reply is sent by the Minister upon receipt of the factual position from authority/organization concerned.

(e)&(f): Incident of clash between two groups of contract workers within the plant premises was also reported on 16.11.2011. The situation was controlled with the prompt intervention of CISF and the District Police Authorities. First Information Reports (FIR) have been lodged with the police in both the incidents. Police authorities are in the process of conducting enquiries in the matter. However, many proactive actions, such as surprise checks by CISF, strengthening intelligence system and search at the time of entry etc. have been taken up by the plant Management for better security inside the plant and to ensure smooth functioning of the plant.
