

Setting up of power generating company by SAIL.

884. **SHRI S. MADHAVAN** : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited has any proposal to set up a power generating company in the joint sector to feed the power requirements of its Steel Plants;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the surplus power would be distributed to the public in those areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) intends to set up a power generating Company at Bhilai, in the joint sector to feed the power requirements of Bhilai Steel Plant. Two Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), one between SAIL and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and other between SAIL, NTPC and Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board (MPEB) have recently been signed.

(c) The proposed power plant is expected to meet the power requirements of Bhilai Steel Plant as well as feed the MPEB System for meeting the requirements of other consumers in the region.

IISCO modernisation programme

885. **SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY** :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the latest position of the modernisation programme of the IISCO ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : Government are committed to the modernisation of IISCO. Due to fund constraints, possibility of private sector participation in the modernisation of IISCO is being explored. In this regard, the Government had constituted a Committee of Experts (COE) to explore and make recommendations for private sector participation.

The COE is likely to submit its recommendations to Government in January, 1993.

Modernisation of Steel Units

886. **SHRI SATISH PRADHAN** : Will the MINISTER OF STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the progress of ongoing modernisation programme in steel units of SAIL and modernisation proposal for other public sector units, unit-wise;

(b) the provision of funds made for modernisation of steel units under SAIL, during 8th plan;

(c) whether there is a proposal to privatise some chronically sick steel units under SAIL, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the estimated demand of steel during 8th plan period and how it is proposed to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) The details are given below :

(i) *Rourkela Steel Plant* : RSP modernisation scheme is being implemented under two phases. Phase-I is scheduled to be completed by July, 1993 and Phase-II by December, 1995. All the 9 indigenous packages of Phase-I have been ordered and are progressing generally as per schedule. For Phase-II, orders for all the 15 indigenous packages and 5 global packages have been finalised and are under progress generally as per schedule.

(ii) *Durgapur Steel Plant* : DSP modernisation is being implemented through 16 packages (6 Global packages and 10 indigenous). Out of these, orders for 14 packages have been placed and these are under various stages of implementation. Orders for balance indigenous packages are yet to be placed. The modernisation work is scheduled to be completed by March, 1993 as approved. Out of 14 ordered packages, work on 2 packages and 3 part packages have been completed and the balance packages are under advance stages of completion. All the works of modernisation are likely to be completed

by December, 1993 except two Blast Furnaces which are likely to be completed by December, 1994.

(iii) Bokaro Steel Plant and Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) : The proposals for modernisation of Bokaro Steel Plant at a total cost of Rs. 1649.48 crores (base 2nd quarter 1922 prices) and IISCO at a cost of Rs. 6520 crores with foreign exchange component of Rs. 1565 crores (base 3rd quarter 1991 prices) are under consideration of the Government.

(b) The details are given below :

	(Rs. in crores)
Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP)	1810
Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP)	3545
Bokaro Steel Plant (BSP)	1446
Indian Iron & Steel Company (IISCO)	300

(c) No, Sir. However, due to funds constraints, Government have constituted a Committee of Experts in June, 1992 for exploring the possibility of private participation in IISCO modernisation whose final recommendations are expected by January, 1993.

(d) Against an estimated demand of 250 lakh tonnes of finished steel during 8th Plan the production is expected to be of the order of 240.92 lakh tonnes leaving a shortfall of 9.08 lakh tonnes to be met through imports.

Implementation of Pension Scheme in SAIL

887. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme of pension in public sector undertakings under his Ministry including SAIL, has not been implemented till date in spite of the Memorandum of Understanding reached in this regard;

(b) whether Government have taken any action in this regard to implement the above scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) In the Memorandum of Understanding reached in the National Joint Committee for Steel Industry (NJCS) in March 1989, it was proposed to start a Pension Scheme in SAIL w.e.f. 1-1-1989.

(b) and (c) The Government has issued guidelines to all Public Sector Undertakings in April, 1991 regarding Pension Scheme which stipulated, *inter-alia*, that :

(i) Suitable Annuity Schemes could be formed through the LIC, based on purely voluntary contributions made by the employees, through a fund outside the PSEs, without any liability on PSE/Government.

(ii) The management contribution to the superannuation fund would be restricted to Rs. 100/- per annum for all employees taken together.

On the basis of the Government guidelines cited above, Ministry of Steel has conveyed the approval for the introduction of Pension Scheme in SAIL on 18-2-1992.

Recently, SAIL have suggested certain modifications for the above scheme to the Government for reconsideration.

Steel in SAIL and TISCO Stockyards

888. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the MINISTER OF STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of tonnes of steel are lying in the SAIL stockyards and TISCO stockyards in the North-East;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what corrective steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The SAIL stockyards in the North-Eastern sector had stocks of around 16,866 MTs (including 150 MTs of Pig Iron) as on 1st November, 1992 as compared to a total of 20,200 tonnes held during the corresponding period of last year. TISCO had a total stock of 879 MTs of iron and