

and effective measures are taken to reduce the incidents of bad debts. Reserve Bank of India has also advised the banks to institute a system of classification of their advances into distinct categories according to the health of advances at a given point of time for the purpose of their effective monitoring and follow up. A scrutiny of advances is also carried out by Reserve Bank of India at the time of inspection of the banks and the advances which reveal sticky tendencies are brought to the notice of the banks for remedial measures.

Water requirements of Andhra Pradesh

*218. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey/study has been conducted by the Central Government to determine the water requirements of Andhra Pradesh and to explore the water resources in the State ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA) : (a) and (b) The National Water Development Agency has been conducting surveys and investigations for water balance studies of the Peninsular Region. The studies, *inter-aila*, includes the 12 basins/sub-basins having catchment areas in Andhra Pradesh. Studies on 6 basins/sub-basins have been completed. Water requirements of the State as a whole is approximately assessed as around 7 million hectare metres.

Progress made by Blast Furnaces of SAIL

*219. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of

STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether blast furnaces of Steel Authority of India Limited at Bhilai and Bokaro have made progress in regard to productivity and coke rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to take similar steps for other units of SAIL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are as follows :—

1985-86 1989-90

Bhilai Steel Plant:

Coke Rate (Kg/ of hot metal).	723 tonne	692
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BF Productivity (tonnes/cubic metre of useful volume per day)	0.94 ty of useful	1.02
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Bokaro Steel Plant

Coke Rate (Kg/tonne of hot metal).	728	664
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BF Productivity (tonnes/cubic metre of useful volume per day).	0.83	0.95
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(c) and (d) Upgradation of technology to improve techno-economic indices of BF Production is a