

information in respect of average investment for medium enterprise sector for this period is not available.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants

123. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) for setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants (UMSP) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has examined some recommendations for the setting up of UMSPs; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision on the setting up of UMSPs will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) and (b) Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to monitor and coordinate issues concerning major steel investments in the country. The Inter Ministerial Group functions under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel) with members from various Central Ministries/ Departments, such as Railways, Road Transport and Highways, Shipping, Industrial Policy and Promotion, Mines, Environment and Forest and the concerned State Governments. However, as per the extant policy of the Government, there is no limit regarding the capacity of setting up a steel plant in the country. As a matter of fact, some of the proposed steel units such as Posco India Limited, Arcelor Mittal Limited and JSW Steel Limited have proposed capacity in the range of 10-12 million tonnes per annum.

(c) and (d) Some representations have been received in this Ministry in respect of certain issues concerning setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants in the country. These issues are to be considered in the next Inter Ministerial Group meeting.

Private steel plants

†124. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of private steel plants in India at present;

(b) out of these plants the number of those that are operational and the number of steel plants under construction;

(c) the names and number of plants, State-wise;

(d) whether the people who got displaced due to these plants have been completely rehabilitated; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.