

(d) and (e) In order to meet the urgent travel requirements of high official requisition holders, which includes Central/State Government Ministers, Judges of Supreme Court of India, High Courts of various States and MPs/MLAs/VIPs, a limited number of berths/seats have been earmarked as High Official Requisition (HOR) Quota in different trains and in different classes. The HOR quota is released in accordance with the priority as per warrant of precedence and well established practice being followed since long. While other requests forwarded by MPs are generally complied with but, sometimes, due to excessive demand, sometime, it is difficult to accommodate all such requests.

Specific cases of misuse of quota are enquired into and officials responsible are taken up.

Capital investment in SMEs

†*40. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Small and Medium Scale Industries constitute 39 per cent of the total manufacturing production;

(b) if not, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 85 per cent of industrial units of the above said sector are not using modern technology; and

(d) if not, the details in this regard and the average capital investment in small and medium scale industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) The share of micro and small enterprises (MSE) sector in the total manufacturing production of the country during 2006-07 (latest estimates) estimated on the basis of the 3rd All India Census (2001-02) of small scale industries is 38.56 per cent. Since the medium enterprises were for the first time defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 which came into force from 2nd October, 2006, information in respect of share in the total manufacturing production of the country for medium enterprise sector for this period is not available.

(c) On the basis of the above Census for the year 2001-02, it is estimated that about 88 per cent of the units were dependent on traditional technology/skills.

(d) It is estimated that the average investment in the micro and small enterprise sector in the country for the year 2006-07 (latest estimates) was Rs. 1.61 lakh.

Since the medium enterprises were for the first time defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 which came into force from 2nd October, 2006,

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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

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