

(b) BSP is one of the Integrated Steel Plants of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). The surplus generated in the Steel Plants of SAIL is being utilized for the modernization/expansion of all plants. An expenditure of Rs. 17266 crores has been planned for the modernization and expansion of BSP.

(c) The Ministry is not aware of any such proposal by the Government of Chhattisgarh.

(d) The Rourkela Steel Plant and the Durgapur Steel Plant were started alongwith the Bhilai Steel Plant. Profit before tax (PBT) earned by these plants during 2008-09 is as under:—

Plant	Amount (Rs. crore)
Rourkela Steel Plant	1011.00
Durgapur Steel Plant	754.00

#### **Disinvestment in steel PSUs**

3190. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to disinvest certain steel Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) and (b) No decision has yet been taken for divestment of Government's shareholding in Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Steel. At present a proposal for listing of shares of Manganese Ore (India) Limited (MOIL) through sale of 10% equity of Government of India to the public through 'Offer for Sale' has been sent to the Department of Disinvestment, Ministry of Finance, which is the nodal Ministry in this regard.

12.00 NOON

#### **PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

##### **Notifications of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution)**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

1. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution), under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955:—

(1) G.S.R. 528 (E), dated the 16th July, 2009, amending G.S.R. 766 (E)/