

Taking over of Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Company Limited

645. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state.

(a) whether Karnataka Government's proposal for taking over of the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Company Limited at Bhadravathi is pending with the Central Government; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) A request has been made by the Government of Karnataka to the Government of India for take over of Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited which is under consideration.

Customs and Excise duty cases pending against I.T.C.

646. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of adjudication proceedings relating to customs and excise duty cases pending finalisation as on the 1st March, 1985 against the Indian Tobacco Company;

(b) what is the amount of revenue arrears involved in these proceedings; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure the early and expeditious finalisation of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) 33 Show Cause Notices relating to excise duty cases are pending finalisation as on 1st March, 1981 against the Indian Tobacco Company. The number of Show Cause Notices relating to Customs matters is not readily available.

(b) It is not possible to exactly quantify the amount of revenue involved as the classification, valuation and, sometimes even the excisability of the product are

under dispute and some Show Cause Notices have been issued without indicating the amounts involved.

(c) Such measures (administrative, legal and others) aimed at early and expeditious finalisation of the cases as are considered necessary from time to time, continue to be taken. These include instructions to the officers to expedite adjudication cases, to move the Courts, and other quasi-judicial bodies to vacate orders of stay, if any, against proceeding with Show Cause Notices, etc.

Stay orders obtained by I.T.C. against payment of Government revenue

647. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) what

are the details of the stay orders preventing and/or proceeding further with adjudication proceedings against the Indian Tobacco Company continue to be operative;

(b) what steps Government have taken for getting these Stay Orders vacated, and

(c) what steps Government have taken for the recovery of arrears from the Indian Tobacco Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increase in Steel prices

648. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state to what extent the increase in steel prices is likely to bring down the losses incurred by the public sector steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): During 1984-85, the price of steel were increased twice by the Joint Plant Committee of the main producers. It is estimated that these price increase and the following measures taken by SAIL are likely to result in a modest net profit during 1984-85 after

having suffered a loss of Rs. 214.53 crores in 1983-84:—

- (i) Supply of adequate inputs and of improved quality;
- (ii) Better maintenance;
- (iii) Higher production and increase in capacity utilisation;
- (iv) Attainment of improved technological norms; and
- (v) Efforts made to contain expenditure, reduce inventories and adoption of cost reduction measures.

The exact amount of the profit in 1984-85 will, be known only after the accounts have been finalised.

बड़े औद्योगिक घरानों पर बकाया आय कर

649. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश के बड़े औद्योगिक घरानों बिड़लाओं, जे० के० सिंहानिया, मोदी, लारसन एंड ट्यूब्रा, साराभाई, श्रीराम, थापर, किलोस्कर, टाटा तथा बजाज पर अलग-अलग कितना कितना आयकर बकाया है ; और

(ख) सरकार इस बकाया रकम को वसूल करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही

है और इसके वसूल न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) देश के बड़े औद्योगिक घरानों बिड़लाओं, जे० के० सिंहानिया, मोदी, लारसन एंड ट्यूब्रा, साराभाई, श्रीराम, थापर, किलोस्कर, टाटा तथा बजाज पर 31.12.1984 की स्थिति के अनुसार अलग अलग बकाया आयकर की मांग संलग्न विवरण-पत्र में दी गई है।

(ख) प्रत्येक मामले की वस्तुस्थिति पर निर्भर करते हुए बकाया मांगों की वसूली करने के लिए कानून के अनुसार समुचित उपाय किये गए हैं। इन उपायों में आयकर अधिनियम की धारा 221, 223, 226 तथा 179 के अंतर्गत कार्य-वाहियों का सहारा लेना शामिल है। आयकर बकाया की वसूली नहीं किये जाने के कारणों में शामिल हैं : (i) अपीलों का अपील प्राधिकरणों और न्यायालयों के समक्ष विचाराधीन होना; (ii) याचिकाओं का समझौता आयोग के समक्ष विचाराधीन होना; (iii) आयकर प्राधिकारियों के पास अधिव्यजन तथा पुनरीक्षण याचिकाओं का विचाराधीन होना; और (iv) मांगों का अदा-यगी के लिये देय नहीं बनाना, आदि।

विवरण

औद्योगिक घरानों से आयकर की मांग

(लाख रुपये में)

| क्र० सं० | औद्योगिक घराने का नाम | बकाया मांग | वसूली योग्य नहीं बनी मांग |
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| 1. | बजाज | 75.07 | |
| 2. | बिड़ला | 1132.39 | 625.92 |
| 3. | जे० के० सिंहानिया | 939.19 | 308.06 |
| 4. | किलोस्कर | 43.96 | 13.64 |
| 5. | लारसन एंड ट्यूब्रा | 425.09 | 362.53 |
| 6. | मोदी | 1065.09 | 361.29 |
| 7. | साराभाई | 146.94 | 146.94 |
| 8. | श्रीराम | 70.97 | 70.97 |
| 9. | टाटा | 202.35 | 40.40 |
| 10. | थापर | 155.53 | 103.74 |