

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पृजारी) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) काले धन के प्रचलन तथा उसमें होने वाली अत्यधिक वृद्धि को रोकने के लिए समय-समय पर सभी संभव उपाय किए जाते रहे हैं जिनमें प्रशासनिक, विधायी और नियम संबंधी उपाय सम्मिलित हैं। यद्यपि सही तौर पर यह बता पाना सम्भव नहीं है कि उन उपायों से कितनी सफलता मिली तथापि, सरकार का विश्वास है कि वांछित उद्देश्य कुल मिलाकर प्रयोज्य रूप से प्राप्त हो गए थे।

(घ) सरकार कर-अपवंचन और काले धन की बढ़ती के खिलाफ कड़ी कार्रवाई करने के लिए पूर्णतः वचनबद्ध है। लेकिन, प्रस्तावित नये उपायों के बारे में अभी और प्रकट करना सम्भव नहीं है।

Losses incurred by public sector Steel Projects

193. SHRI B. KRISHNA MOHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state the losses incurred by the public sector steel projects during the year 1982, 1983 and 1984 and the steps proposed to be taken by Government to make the steel plants economically viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): The working results of SAIL and IISCO for the years 1981-82 to 1983-84 are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

	SAIL	IISCO
1981-82	(—)39.17	(—)37.11
1982-83	(—)105.76	(—)71.05
1983-84	(—)214.54	(—)24.06

(+) Profit. (—) Loss.

Though there have been price increases in the past, these have not fully compensated SAIL for increases in the cost of production. SAIL has introduced a production cum-profit Improvement Management System to achieve higher production and improved profitability. The strategy includes diversification of its product-mix to better match the demand, accelerate sales by adoption of an aggressive marketing strategy and reduction of inventories of raw materials, stores and spares. Special measures to achieve cost reduction by improving technological process, better maintenance to maximise the availability of equipment by timely repairs, minimisation of purchases of stores and spares and restrictions of expenditure in all possible ways have been also adopted.

Grant of Financial Assistance to Madhya Pradesh by World Bank

194. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that a study team of World Bank has visited various big cities in Madhya Pradesh in the month of November, 1984 in order to grant financial assistance for implementation of water supply and sewage clearance schemes of these cities; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A World Bank Mission had visited Madhya Pradesh in October-November, 1984 for review of preparation of the Madhya Pradesh Water Supply and Sanitation Project with water supply, sewerage and sanitation components. The details of the project are being worked out by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.