

(c) According to available information on 5.9.84, these banks were holding 251 authorisations for opening offices at rural centres in Andhra Pradesh. They have been advised to utilise these authorisations before the end of March 1985.

Production of Steel by Public Sector Plants

160. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:
Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantum of steel being produced annually by each public

sector steel plant at present in the country:

(b) what is the estimated annual requirement of steel in the country, and

(c) what special efforts have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to step up the production capacity of each public sector steel plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Production of saleable steel in public sector steel plants for the last two years and plan of production for 1984-85 are given below;—

Plant	1982-83	1983-84	1985-85 (Plan)
BSP	1838	1575	1840
DSP	813	602	720
RSP	992	862	940
BSL	1529	1283	1500
SAIL Plants	5172	4327	5000
HISCO	500	444	410
ASP	46.80	33.66	55.83
SSP	6.75	6.93	16.80

(b)" For the year 1984-85 the " Joint Plant Committee has estimated the demand for finished steel in the country at 9 million tonnes.

(c) the main factors affecting production were restrictions in the supply of power and or quality and inadequate availability of indigenous coking coal as well as some technological deficiencies in the plants. Efforts are being made to improve the supply of power and coking coal of right quality in close cooperation with the supplying organisations. The steel plants are making efforts to maximise their own limited captive power generation. As a long term measure, additional captive power generating units are being established at Bokaro, Rourkela, Durgapur and Bhilai Steel Plant. The technological deficiencies are being met through modernisation/de-bottlenecking schemes already under consideration.

Coal seams in Godavari coalfields in Andhra Pradesh

161. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:
Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India has struck a number of new coal seams in the virgin areas of the Godavari coalfields in Andhra Pradesh during the last field season; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Geological Survey of India has been carrying out regional exploration in four blocks in the Godavari Valley Coalfields during field season 1983-84. The blocks