

Maruti Udyog Ltd. have a discretionary quota, not exceeding 5 per cent of total production of priority allotment of vehicles.

(b) and (c) 34 cars have been allotted on priority out of a total of 840 cars allotted till 31-3-1984. It will not be an appropriate commercial practice to disclose particulars of transactions between Maruti and its customers.

Crisis in small scale sectors

632. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to launch schemes for helping the State Governments to overcome the present crisis prevailing in the small scale sector;

(b) if so, by when such schemes are likely to be introduced;

(c) whether Government are aware of the crisis prevailing in small scale industries in Orissa; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO):

(a) to (d) Government is constantly taking steps to help the small scale sector to grow. Towards this and, a series of policy measures have been taken during the Sixth Plan and some of these are:—

(1) Amendment of Industries (Development & Regulation) Amendment Act, 1984, thereby making statutory provision for reservation of items for exclusive production in the small scale sector.

(2) A high powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. A. M. Khusro, Member, Planning

Commission has been set up on Credit Facilities for Village and small Industries sector:

(3) A diagnostic survey of small scale units to assess the incidence of sickness, to identify the causes and suggest remedial measures has been undertaken.

As and when any specific problem of the small scale sector arises, Government takes appropriate remedial measures to rectify the situation.

Cement production

633. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target set up for production of cement in the country in 1983-84; and

(b) what is its actual production during the same period with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO):

(a) 28 million tonnes.

(b) Approximately 27 million tonnes as against production of 23.3 million tonnes achieved in 1982-83 registering an increase of 15.9 per cent.

Bokaro Steel plant

634. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual production of the Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) whether the production has reached the maximum capacity; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ARIF

MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The production at Bokaro Steel Plant for the last two years has been:

(Million tonnes)

| Items | 1983-84 | | 1982-83 | |
|---------------|------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| | Production | Capacity utilisation | Production | Capacity utilisation |
| Hot Metal | 2.275 | 62 | 2.194 | 60 |
| Ingot Steel | 1.681 | 67 | 1.829 | 73 |
| Salable Steel | 1.288 | 65 | 1.529 | 78 |

(c) Production of hot metal during 1983-84 and of ingot steel and saleable steel during 1982-83 were the highest ever at the plant.

The main factors, affecting production have been the market constraints, severe restrictions on power supply imposed by the public utilities and inadequate availability and poor quality of coking coal supplies.

Steel Plants

635. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of steel plants working in public sector;

(b) how many of them are working with foreign collaboration; and

(c) how many projects are being run indigenously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The following steel plants are working in the public sector:—

(i) Bhilai Steel Plant.

(ii) Bokaro Steel Plant.

(iii) Rourkela Steel Plant.

(iv) Durgapur Steel Plant.

(v) Salem Steel Plant.

(vi) Alloy Steels Plant.

(vii) Indian Iron and Steel Company.

In addition, through SAIL, the Central Government has invested 40 per cent in the equity of VISL, the balance 60 per cent being held by Government of Karnataka.

(b) and (c) The steel plants were set up with varying degrees of imported equipment and foreign assistance. Except in Bhilai and Bokaro, where a few Soviet experts assist in critical areas, all other plants are run by Indian experts.

Aluminium Project in Ratnagiri

636. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of the project of aluminium sanctioned in public sector at Ratnagiri;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are reconsidering the whole issue of the project *de novo* from the point of view of its feasibility; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?