

(f) how many such trains are planned to run to Gujarat Ports; and

(g) whether Government plans to run special double stack container trains connecting Kandla and Mundra Ports and if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Technical feasibility is studied as and when a route is identified for running of double stack container trains which depends on the demand for running of such trains.

(d) to (f) CONCOR is running regular container trains connecting Inland Container Terminals and different ports including Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Pipavav, Mundra, Cochin, Chennai, Kolkata, Tuticorin etc. Depending upon the traffic on offer, CONCOR is running regular container train services to Mundra and Pipavav ports situated in Gujarat.

(g) Double stack container trains are running only between ports of Pipavav/Mundra and container terminal near Jaipur.

Disinvestment of SAIL

4766. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes disinvestment in SAIL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons behind the disinvestment and the percentage of disinvestment proposed; and

(d) the steps Government is going to take to prevent the retrenchment of employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has decided to disinvest 10% of its shareholding in Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) and for raising of 10% of additional equity by SAIL, in two discrete tranches to be issued at appropriate times in consideration of SEBI guidelines and prevailing market conditions. Each tranche will consist of 5% raising of fresh equity capital by SAIL and 5% disinvestment of Government of India's share. The disinvestment of Government of India's shareholding in SAIL is in line with the Government's policy to develop larger people's ownership of Central Public Sector Enterprises with Government retaining majority shareholding and control.

(d) No retrenchment of employees is envisaged at SAIL.

Setting up of steel plant at Lasipora Pulwama

4767. SHRI G.N. RATANPURI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had decided to establish a steel plant at Industrial Growth Centre Lasipora Pulwama in Kashmir;