

Production of Steel

1122. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel output in public sector plants is expected to fall by about a million tonnes;

(b) if so, the reasons for this sharp decline in production in the productivity year; and

(c) what is the production target for the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) and (b) The production of saleable steel by public sector steel plants during the year 1982-83 is expected to exceed the production of 5.65 MT of saleable steel in the previous year.

(c) A target of 6.04 MT of saleable steel for the public sector steel plants for the year 1983-84 has been tentatively adopted.

Expansion of Bokaro Steel Plant

1123. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion work of the Bokaro Steel Plant to the extent of 4 million tonnes ingot stage is likely to be taken up in 1983; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost for this expansion and by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) Expansion of Bokaro Steel Plant from 2.5 million tonnes to 4 million tonnes of Ingot Steel per annum is in progress.

(b) The revised estimated cost of this expansion programme is Rs. 1637.55 crores. All units of the expansion programme other than the Cold Rolling Mills are expected to be completed by November, 1983 and the Cold Rolling Mill by December, 1984.

1124. [Transferred to the 18th March, 1983.]

Hikes in Steel Prices

1125. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite repeated price hikes in steel prices, SAIL is expected to end up 1982-83 with a loss of about rupees 60 crores; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the poor performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) The exact position will be known after the accounts for the year have been closed. It is, however, feared that SAIL will end the year 1982-83 with a substantial loss.

(b) The main reasons for the loss are lower than anticipated production, higher cost of production due mainly to higher cost of inputs and technological factors like higher consumption of fuels etc.

वाणिज्यिक संस्थानों के बकाया बिक्री कर

1126. श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :
क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में ऐसे वाणिज्यिक संस्थानों की संख्या कितनी है जिनके ऊपर एक लाख रुपये से अधिक बिक्री कर की राशि बकाया है तथा कुल कितनी राशि का बिक्री कर ;