

centage of the sanctioned project cost, is given below :—

Name of Consultant	Estimated Payment (Rs. in lakhs)	% of (2) to sanctioned cost estimates of the project.
1	2	3
M/s. Aluminium Pechiney	4344.83	3.50
M/s. Engineers India Limited	3930.00	3.16
M/s. Development Consultants (P) Limited	800.00	0.64
M/s. Howe India (P) Limited,	93.7	0.007
M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services	319.0	0.26
M/s. Research Design & Standard Organisation	68.65	0.05
M/s. National Industrial Development Corporation } & }	88.4	0.07
M/s. Town & Country Planning Organisation }		
Telecommunication Consultants India Limited	1.86	0.001
National Institute of Rural Development	1.15	0.0009
	9547.59	7.76

Setting up Steel Plants

2327. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:

SHRIMATI AMARJIT

KAUR: SHRI

JAGADISH JANI :

SHRI SURESH

KALMADI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to set up steel plants in the country with the Soviet aid;

(b) whether a Soviet aided steel plant is proposed to be set up in Daitori in Orissa also ;

(c) if so, the details of its location, estimated cost and the expected time of implementation of the above proposal ;

(d) whether any agreement has been reached between the two countries; and

(e) by when the work is likely to commence and the estimated capacity of the proposed steel plants ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (e) Proposals for setting up new steel plants, one in Orissa and the second in Karnataka, are under consideration. These proposals envisage import of equipment from foreign

countries against credit/aid that may be available. Possibilities of Soviet participation in the Orissa project, have been discussed in a preliminary way with USSR experts. No final decision has yet been taken. Pre-construction preparatory work is in progress for both projects. Details of the projects are being worked out.

Pollution Hazards by Iron-Ore Wash-out

2328. SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHEIKH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(p) whether Government are aware of the serious environmental pollution hazards over vast areas created by the huge quantity of iron-ore washout from Bailadila, the National Mineral Development Corporation's project; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to contain the pollution hazards?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A full-fledged treatment plant has been established in one of the two mines and a clarifier to settle the particles in the other mine. Efforts are being made to acquire land for setting up effective pollution abatement device for this mine also.

Sale of Bhilai Waste Coal

2329. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a racket in the sale of Bhilai waste coal causing heavy losses of revenue was recently unearthed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) Central allegations regarding irregularities in the disposal of mixed coke by Bhilai Steel Plant have come to Government's notice. It was alleged that the Plant authorities had shown favour to a contractor in awarding contract for sale of mixed coke and thereby incurred financial loss. On enquiry it was found that the allegation was not correct. Bhilai Steel Plant has awarded the contract for sale of mixed coke to the highest bidders. The Government has asked the Plant authorities to ensure that maximum resources are generated from the disposal of by products and wastes.

बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र में ठेकेदार

2330. श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री वह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र में 5 लाख रुपये से अधिक का भुगतान किन-किन ठेकेदारों को किया गया है ; और

(ख) कितने ठेकेदारों के विरुद्ध शिकायतें की गई हैं तथा इन ठेकेदारों में से कितनों को भुगतान कर दिया गया है और कितनों का भुगतान रोक दिया गया है ?

उद्योग तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी) : (क) और (ख) बोकारो जैसे बड़े इस्पात कारखाने में ऐसे ठेकेदारों की संख्या काफी अधिक