

है, जिन्हें पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान पांच लाख रुपये से अधिक रकम का भुगतान किया गया है। इसी प्रकार पिछले पांच वर्षों में ठेकेदारों के विरुद्ध बहुत सी शिकायतें—कुछ सच्ची, कुछ झूठी—प्राप्त हुई होंगी। जब भी किसी ठेकेदार के विरुद्ध शिकायत प्राप्त होती है, उसकी जांच की जाती है और उस पर उचित कार्यवाही की जाती है। कभी-कभी कुछ तकनीकी कारणों से भुगतान रोक दिया जाता है लेकिन जब ऐसे कारणों का निराकरण कर दिया जाता है तो भुगतान कर दिया जाता है। लेकिन अधिकांश मामलों में शिकायतें निराधार होती हैं।

इसलिए यह महसूस किया गया है कि उपर्युक्त जानकारी प्राप्त करने में काफी समय और श्रम लगेगा और इससे जो परिणाम निकलेगा वह इसमें लगे समय और श्रम के अनुरूप नहीं होगा। यदि माननीय सदस्य को किसी ठेकेदार के विरुद्ध कोई खास शिकायत है तो उसकी अवश्य जांच की जाएगी।

स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड के अधिकारियों की दिल्ली की यात्राएँ

2331. श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड के इस्पात संयंत्रों के प्रबन्ध निदेशकों एवं अधिकारियों के दिल्ली की कितनी बार यात्रा की ; और

(ख) उनकी यात्रा पर कुल कितना खर्चा हुआ ?

उद्योग तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी) : (क) और (ख) जानकारी प्राप्त की जा रही है और समाप्त पर रख दी जाएगी।

Scientific Survey for Copper ore

2332. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that copper ore has been found in the well of Dr. T. P. Mali in Osmanabad district;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any scientific survey in this regard ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons that Government have not taken any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :

(a), (b) and (c) Traces of native copper have been found in the Basaltic rocks in the well of Dr. T. P. Mali in Osmanabad district of Maharashtra. However, this copper is in extremely poor and disseminated form and has at present no economic importance.

Expansion Schemes of Major Steel Plants

2333. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the delay in implementation of expansion schemes of some major Steel projects in the country has led to extraordinary escalation of costs.;

(b) if so, what is the amount of increased costs;

(c) what are the factors involved in delayed implementation; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI):

(a) and (b) Details of cost escalation of major steel projects are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

	Estimated Cost	
	Sanctioned	Revised
(i) Bokaro Steel Plant		
4 MT Expansion	947.24	1637.55
(ii) Bhilai Steel Plant		
4 MT Expansion	937.70	1600.54

The sanctioned cost estimates were based on 1974 price level, and did not contain provision for cost escalations. The revised estimates are based on 1981-82 price level. Other factors responsible for cost increase are change in scope of the projects and delays in execution.

(c) Delays have occurred mostly on account of the failure of construction agencies and equipment suppliers to keep to the time schedules.

(d) Both SAIL and Government are closely monitoring the performance of implementing agencies who have been asked to augment their resources for speedier execution.

Fall in steel production

2334. SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

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

(a) what is the production of steel in different plants in first 9 months in 1982;

(b) whether it is a fact that the production of steel in some steel plants has fallen;

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(c) if so, the name of the steel plants where production has fallen; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to increase the production in those steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Production of saleable steel in SAIL plants in the first 9 months of 1982 was as follows:—

Plant	('000 tonnes)	
	Production	
	January—September 1982	
Bhilai	1341.5	
Durgapur	580.6	
Rourkela	692.1	
Bokaro	1110.2	
IISCO	341.1	

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In all plants except Bokaro, the production has been less than during the corresponding period of the previous year.

(d) Restrictions on power supply has been the single biggest factor responsible for this decline. Efforts have been made to improve the power supply position in consultation with Damodar Valley Corporation authorities and electricity Boards of Madhya Pradesh and Orissa States. Poor quality of coking coal supplied to plants has been another adverse factor. This problem is also sought to be resolved in consultation with Coal India authorities. Break down of equipment and some operational problems in the plants have been other factors responsible for this set back. These have also been attended to. The set back in production has been arrested and from September, 1982 onwards, production is improving.