

ing public sector, bank and financial institutions is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requirement of iron and Steel in Madhya Pradesh

222. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE
BHATT:

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

(a) the requirement of Iron and Steel in Madhya Pradesh every year;

(b) whether Government have allotted it according to the demand; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what measures have been adopted by the Central Government to help the Government of Madhya Pradesh to meet its requirements?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) 43,423 tonnes of pig iron and 253,901 tonnes of steel were supplied to various customers in Madhya Pradesh during 1979-80. While State-wise figures of requirements are not maintained, these supplies are substantially above the levels of supplies to customers in Madhya Pradesh in 1975-76 and 1976-77, when steel was very easily available.

(c) Does not arise.

Operation of air routes by private airlines

223. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to allow private airlines to operate on the routes now being operated by the Indian Airlines; and

..., (b) if so, what are the details of such routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a Dry Port in Delhi

224. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAZMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision in regard to the establishment of a Dry Port in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government had in 1974 decided in principle to establish a dry port in Northern Region of India. However, in July, 1977 the Government had decided not to take up the project for immediate implementation. In view of representations received, it was considered some time back that a revised scheme which would make dry port facilities available to the exporters as also confer benefits of containerisation, should be formulated. Accordingly efforts are being made to formulate a revised scheme. It is difficult to give any details at this stage.

Sale deal of 75,000 bales of superior cotton to China

225. SHRI KRISHNA NAND
JOSHI: SHRI BISHAMBHAR
NATH PANDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of the Maharashtra State Cooperative Marketing Federation while visiting China finalised a sale deal of 75,000 bales of superior cotton to China