

**Bokaro Steel Plant**

The proposal for expansion from 4.0 million tonnes to 4.75 million tonnes is under consideration of the Government. The possibility of increasing the steel capacity from a level of 4.75 million tonnes to 5.5 million tonnes per annum by making technological improvements will be studied by Consultants in association with their Soviet counterparts. The terms of such collaboration are under negotiations between the two organisations.

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Regarding modernisation/expansion of Indian Iron and Steel Co., the proposal to instal a sintering plant is also under consideration.

**Military pensioners at Amritgar**

848. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the military pensioners at Amritsar are being denied Dearness Allowance and other *ad hoc* increments on the pretext of non-receipt of instructions from Ministry/C.D.A. Tensions, Allahabad; and

(b) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b) Government sanction granting the relief was issued in the last week of March, 1980. Apart from the normal time required for preparation and transmission of detailed instructions to the pension disbursing authorities, there was unfortunately some delay in transit. The instructions have since reached the concerned pension disbursing authorities at Amritsar and action is in hand to make the payments.

**Piling up of ingot steel in steel plants**

849. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

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

(a) the quantity of ingot steel that lay piled up in steel plants in 1979-80; and

(b) the quantum of finished steel imported in 1979-80?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The quantity of ingot steel in stock with the six integrated steel plants on 1.4.80 was 6.03 lakh tonnes as compared to 1.58 lakh tonnes on 1.4.1979.

(b) Actual shipments of finished steel against imports by SAIL during 1979-80 were 11,59,863 tonnes.

**Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant**

850. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 390 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1980 and state the recommendations of the feasibility report to modernise the Rourkela Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Presumably, the reference is to the Unstarred Question No. 399 replied on 18-3-1980. M/S. M. N. Dastur & Co. ; have drawn up the Preliminary Feasibility Report to modernise the Rourkela Steel Plant. The proposed modernisation is to be achieved by adoption of modern technology both