

Ratnagiri Aluminium Project307. **SHRI VITHAL GADGIL :****SHRI BIPIN PAL DAS :****SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :**308. **SHRI DEVENDRA NATH DWIVEDI :**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the aluminium project proposed to be set up by Government at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra has been abandoned; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

British move to introduce two-tier citizenship in U.K.

308. **SHRI DEVENDRA NATH DWIVEDI :****SHRI VITHAL GADGIL :****SHRI BIPIN PAL DAS :****SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY :**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported move by the U.K. Government to introduce two-tier citizenship in that country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE) : (a) and (b) On 27 April, 1977, the UK Government published a Green Paper on British Nationality. The object of publishing a Green Paper is to invite comments and discussion on possible

changes in existing practice. The publication of this document does not necessarily mean that early legislation is on the way to introduce two-tier citizenship in UK. It is unlikely to lead to legislation for the next two or three years. It will be Government's endeavour to see that the rights of Indians resident in UK, particularly in regard to right of entry for themselves and their dependants, are protected.

Pakistan's response to Indian offer of non-war pact

309. **SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :****SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH :****SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India have received any official communication from the Government of Pakistan in response to the offer of a 'no-war pact' which was recently renewed by him; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of steel

310. **SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :****SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH :****SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :**

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

(a) the quantity of crude and saleable steel produced in the country during the last financial year;

(b) the quantity of finished steel lying in stock with the manufacturers; and

(c) the steps which Government propose to take to clear this stock ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK) : (a) The total production of ingot (crude) steel and saleable steel from the six integrated steel plants in the country in 1976-77 was 8.427 million tonnes and 6.922 million tonnes respectively.

(b) As on 31st March, 1977, the total stocks with the integrated steel plants (including stocks in transit and at the stock-yards and export-yards) amounted to 1.59 million tonnes. These, however, came down to 1.462 million tonnes as on 31st May, 1977.

(c) As stated above the stocks have gone down since April, 1977. It is expected that as a result of measures taken recently this trend will continue. With the pick up in construction activity the trend should get strengthened even more.

Suspension of Telephone Advisory Committees

311. **SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :**

SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH :

SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :

SHRI SRIKANT VERMA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently suspended the Telephone Advisory Committees in some towns and cities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what criteria has been laid down for reconstituting these Committees ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) :

(a) Yes, Sir. While the 2-year term of 64 Committees had already expired, 33 Telephone Advisory Committees which were current were suspended recently.

(b) The whole question of constitution of these Committees and their functioning was under review by the Department.

(c) It has since been decided to constitute Telephone Advisory Committees only in Telephone Districts and at State Capitals where telephone exchange capacity exceeds 1500 lines.

Linking of Delhi through STD

312. **SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON :**

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :

SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN :

SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of cities which have so far been connected with Delhi through STD system alongwith their code numbers; and

(b) the names of cities which are likely to be connected with Delhi in the near future or which are at present having trial connections with Delhi through this system ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) :

(a) The information is given in the Annexure.

(b) The following routes are likely to be connected during the present financial year :—

1. Ludhiana.

2. Ambala.

3. Muzzafarnagar.