

land to dependents of servicemen killed in action is done by the concerned State Governments who have been requested to accord priority to this matter.

Since the actual allotment of the land in these cases in accordance with the provisions contained in the general orders issued by the State Governments concerned is done by Officers at the District and lower levels, the enormous time and effort involved in collecting the information sought which relates to all the past actions of the three Services will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.]

Steel Plant at Visakhapatnam

159. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :

SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI :

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :

SHRI R. N. REDDY :

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

(a) whether the setting up of the proposed steel plant at Visakhapatnam is likely to be delayed ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what is the likely date of the commissioning of the plant ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) to (c) Owing to the severe constraint on resources, the Visakhapatnam Steel Project is likely to be commissioned only towards the end of the Sixth Plan period.

Consumer price index for Industrial workers

160. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :

SHRIMATI RATHNABAI SREENIVASA RAO :

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Consumer Price Index for Industrial workers all over the country is being compiled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the base year proposed for the new index; and

(c) by when the new price index is likely to be ready?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The new series of Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers on base 1971 = 100 is being compiled pursuant to the recommendation of the 25th Session of the Indian Labour Conference (1968).

(c) It is expected that the job will be completed during 1975-76.

Production of Steel

161. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :

SHRIMATI RATHNABAI SREENIVASA RAO : SHRI KALYAN ROY : SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA : SHRI S. KUMARAN :

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

(a) whether there has been a fall in the steel production of the country, especially by IISCO, during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the production figures thereof during the last twelve months; and

(c) what measures Government have taken to increase the production of steel in IISCO and other steel plants of the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) The production of the various steel plants during the past three years has been as under:—