

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The installed capacity in the electric furnace industry for steel making is not being fully utilized owing to power shortages in a number of States. Further, substantial capacity which has been licensed is yet to be commissioned. The objective is, therefore, to consolidate the capacity already authorised and to regulate the further growth of the electric furnace industry for steel making, in keeping with the availability of essential inputs viz. electric power and ferrous scrap. In view of this, it is not proposed to bring out a White Paper on this subject at this stage]

इस्पात का उत्पादन

*789. श्री राजनारायण : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चालू वर्ष के दौरान इस्पात के उत्पादन का लक्ष्य क्या है; और

(ख) लक्ष्य के कब तक पूरा होने की संभावना है और इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

†[Production of steel]

*789. SHRI RAJNARAIN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the target of steel production during the current year; and

(b) by when the target is likely to be achieved and what steps Government have taken in this regard ?]

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्रजीत यादव) : (क) और (ख) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है ।

विवरण

(क) भिलाई, दुर्गापुर, राउरकेला और बोकारो तथा टिस्को और इस्को के सर्वतोमुखी इस्पात

कारखानों का वर्ष 1974-75 के लिए इस्पात के उत्पादन का कुल लक्ष्य 65.75 लाख टन इस्पात पिण्ड तथा 58.44 लाख टन विक्रीय इस्पात है ।

(ख) अप्रैल—नवम्बर, 1974 की अवधि में इस्पात पिण्ड तथा विक्रीय इस्पात का उत्पादन इस अवधि के लिए निश्चित लक्ष्य का क्रमशः 95.4% और 99% था । अतः यह आशा की जाती है कि मार्च, 1975 के अन्त तक 1974-75 के समूचे वर्ष के लिए निश्चित किया गया लक्ष्य प्राप्त हो सकेगा, बशर्ते कि बाकी महीनों, में आदानों, बिजली और परिवहन की आवश्यकताओं की तय्याप्त मात्रा में पूर्ति होती रहे । अतः कोकर कोयले के उत्पादन तथा उसकी सप्लाई के बारे में कोयला विभाग तथा इस्पात कारखानों को बिजली की अधिकतम सप्लाई सुनिश्चित करने के लिए ऊर्जा मंत्रालय, दामोदर धाटी निगम तथा सम्बन्धित राज्य सरकारों से और आवश्यक आदानों तथा विक्रीय माल की संतोषजनक ढ़लाई के बारे में रेलवे मंत्रालय से निकट तथा सतत सम्पर्क रखा जा रहा है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

(a) The aggregate target of production of steel from the integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Durgapur Rourkela and Bokaro and of TISCO and IISCO for the year 1974-75 is 6.575 million tonnes of ingot steel and 5.044 million tonnes of saleable steel.

(b) The production during the months, April—November, 1974, was 95.4 per cent and 99.0 per cent of the targets for ingot steel and saleable steel respectively for this period. It is, therefore, expected that the target for the whole year 1974-75

might be achieved by the end of March, 1975, provided the requirements of inputs, power and transport are met adequately in the remaining months. Close and constant liaison is, therefore, being maintained with the Department of Coal in regard to the production and supply of coking coal, with the Ministry of Energy, authorities of D.V.C. and State Governments concerned to ensure maximum supply of power to the steel plants and with the Ministry of Railways to ensure satisfactory movement by Rail of essential inputs and saleables.]

Air Chief Marshal's interview with the correspondent of 'Vayuyan'

*790. SHRI M. KADERSHAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Air Chief Marshal obtained Government's prior permission before giving a recent interview to the correspondent of 'Vayuyan' regarding effectiveness of Indian Air Force Transport planes; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to lay down guidelines for the service officers in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) No Sir. It may, however, be added that in the interview the reference was to the IAF transport planes, Dakota and Packet having become very old and requiring retirement. The deficiencies with regard to the transport aircraft have already been mentioned in the Ministry's Annual Report for the year 1969-70.

(b) Not necessary as rules already exist on the subject.

Central Loan Assistance for Roads in Maharashtra

*791. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government have requested the Central Government for inclusion of some roads in the

Central Loan Assistance programme of Inter-state roads; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the amount of grant given under the Central Loan Assistance programme for these roads ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT : (SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government have suggested the following three projects for financial assistance under the Central Aid Programme of State Roads of inter-State or economic importance during the Fifth Plan :

Name of work	Approximate cost
1. Tamhani Ghat Road to connect Poona with Dighi Harbour	Rs. 2.00 crores
2. Construction of a Road from Khandus to Bhimsharkar	Rs. 1.00 crores
3. Construction of a coastal Highway from Rewas to Redi	Rs. 7.00 crores

As formulation of detailed programmes for the 5th Plan is still in a preparatory stage, it is not possible at this stage to indicate the extent to which the projects referred to above will be finally included under the afore-said programme during the 5th Plan.

American Senator's Visit to J&K State

*792. SHRI S. C. ANGRE :
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR :
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI O. P. TYAGI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared