

**Discriminatory treatment to  
Organised Sector Vis-a-Vis Small  
Scale Sector**

•536. SHRI KRISHAN KANT : SARI J.  
S. TILAK : SHRI GURMUKH  
SINOH

MUSAFIR : SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :  
SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of  
STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been discrimination in favour of organised sector while fixing prices of steel products for the small and large scale sector; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to equalise the prices of steel, pig iron, coke supplies to the small scale sector as well as large scale sector and if so, by when it will be effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES  
(SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA) : (a) and (b) A  
statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement Prices of iron and steel materials supplied to small scale units are higher only in the case of those categories in which supplies from the steel plants have been channeled through the State Small Industries Corporations.

Government have accepted in principle that supplies channeled through the State Small Industries Corporations for this reason should be available to the units at about the same price as the others getting supplies direct. The manner in which this decision can best be implemented is under examination, and decisions will be finalised shortly.

As regards coke, the prices are fixed ex-colliery and they are the same for all type of User3.

**Workers' participation in Management  
of Public Sector Undertakings under the  
Ministry of Steel and Mines**

\*537. DR. V. B. SINGH :

SHRI R. K. MISHRA : SHRI N. R.  
CHOUDHURY : SHRI HARSH DEO  
MALAVIYA : SHRI SARDAR AMJAD  
ALI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND  
MINES be pleased to state the steps so far  
taken regarding workers' participation in  
management of public undertakings under  
the Ministry of Steel and Mines ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES  
(SHRI K.D. MALAVIYA): While no specific  
steps as such for workers' participation in the  
management of public sector undertakings  
under the Ministry of Steel and Mines have  
been taken, the association of labour with the  
management of these undertakings is geaically  
sought to be achieved through joint  
consultations with the workers in certain areas  
like welfare, grievances, safety, production  
etc. There is also a labour leader on the Boards  
of Directors of Coal Mines Authority and of  
Hindustan Copper Limited.

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1974.]

**Scheme for development of coal mines**

•539. SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI  
: SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHAN-KAR  
ADIVAREKAR : Will the Minister of STEEL  
AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
have sanctioned a scheme for the development  
of coal mines during 1974-75 involving an  
expenditure of Rs. 225 crores;

(b) what are the details of the scheme and  
the quantum of coal production contemplated  
thereunder during the current year; and

(c) to what extent it will exceed the coal  
production during 1972-73 and 1973-74 ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES  
(SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA) : (a) to  
(c) The Government have, allowed the Coal  
Mines Authority Limited to undertake advance  
action in connection with their Fifth Plan  
programme involving an expenditure of Rs.  
225.24 crores during the period 1974-76 for the  
purchase of plant and machinery and for the  
development of infrastructure for the coal mines  
under their control. This expenditure is related to  
increasing the overall production by about 46  
million tonnes by the end of the Fifth Plan / e.  
1978-79.

**State-wise requirement of Steel**

•540. SHRI K. P. SINOH DEO : SHRI  
LOKANATH MISRA :

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