

education to be continued as a compulsory subject in the schools from primary to the secondary stages and as an optional subject at the higher secondary stage.

Section 19 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE) *inter-alia* provides that no school shall be established or recognized unless it fulfils certain norms. These norms include play ground, part-time instructors for health and physical education, play material and games and sports equipments as required.

(d) Suicides committed by students are not the outcome of examination system alone but there are various social and economic factors which also contribute to stress and anxiety among the school children. The National Curriculum Framework 2005 recommends a child-centric approach to learning, reduction of curricular overload and focus on clarity of understanding.

#### **Investment plans in steel sector in Orissa**

\*352. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of major investment plans in the steel sector in Orissa;
- (b) the progress made so far;
- (c) whether Government has drawn any time-bound implementation programme for these projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH): (a) to (d) Ministry of Steel is directly monitoring expansion and modernization plan of Rourkela Steel Plant, an unit of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) located in Orissa. As per the latest information, the modernization and expansion programme at Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) envisages an increase in its crude steel capacity from 1.9 million tonne per annum to 4.2 million tonne per annum. The current phase of expansion of RSP is likely to be completed by 2012-13.

As far as major private sector steel units are concerned, the position is reviewed with major steel investors and the targets for completion furnished by some of the major steel investors is given below:—

(Crude Steel Capacity in million tonnes)

Project	State	Total Proposed Capacity (As per MoU)	Progress made/ Likely date of Commissioning*
1	2	3	4
POSCO India Pvt. Ltd.	Jagatsinghpur, Orissa	12.00	Not Available

1	2	3	4
Arcelor Mittal Ltd.	Keonjhar, Orissa	12.00	3 MTPA by year 2016
Tata Steel Ltd.	Kalinganagar, Orissa	6.0	6 MTPA by year 2014
Essar Steel Ltd.	Paradeep, Orissa	6.0	2012-13
Jindal Steel and Power Ltd.	Angul, Orissa	6.0	6 MTPA by 2013-14

\*As per information furnished by the respective companies.

Keeping in view the importance of their implementation of major steel projects in the country, an Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has been constituted in the Ministry of Steel, to monitor and coordinate major steel investment in the country. The Inter Ministerial Group functions under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel) with members from various Central Ministries/Departments, such as Railways, Road Transport and Highways, Shipping, Industrial Policy and Promotion, Mines, Environment and Forest and the concerned State Governments.

#### **Public-Private-Partnership for Railway projects**

\*353. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any projects under Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) have been started during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ownership of land has been transferred to any private partner; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for execution of Angul-Sukinda new line project (around 100 kms.) in the State of Orissa through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode has been incorporated and work on the project has commenced. Besides, a number of areas have been identified for possible execution through public private participation. These include development of world-class railway stations, setting up of SPVs for manufacturing of locomotives, coaches and rolling stock components, operation of container trains and special freight trains, investment in port and other connectivity works, private freight terminals and automobiles and ancillary hubs, bottling plants for clean drinking water, etc. Projects initiated during the last three years include:—

- (i) Electric locomotive factory at Madhepura;