

Setting up of new steel plants

3563. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to establish some new steel plants with a view to increase production capacity of steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount to be invested to establish the above plants and their production capacity; and

(d) whether the country will be self-reliant in demand and supply of steel, after these plants start production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) to (c) NMDC Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Steel has decided to set up a 3 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) integrated green field steel plant at Nagarnar, Chhattisgarh State, at a cost of around Rs. 15525 crore. NMDC Limited has also signed an Memorandum of Understanding to set up a green field steel plant in Karnataka State with an initial capacity of 2 million tonnes per annum.

(d) Steel demand in India is growing. In order to meet the future steel requirement from domestic sources of production, Government encourages setting up of new steel production capacities in the country. Apart from the public sector companies, a large number of private investors have also signed Memoranda of Understanding with various State Governments to set up steel production units in the country. The demand position is however dependent on various cyclical and economic factors and needs to be assessed as an ongoing exercise and the capacity building is tuned to the demand situation.

Export of jewellery by M.S.T.C.

3564. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether ₹ 600 crore approximately is due to be paid by certain foreign buyers to MSTC on account of Jewellery exported to them during year 2008-09 through Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation Limited under Export Credit and Export Insurance Cover;