

HOLDING COMPANY FOR STEEL

374. SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
 SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA :
 SHRI V. B. RAJU :
 DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN :
 SHRI J. S. TILAK :
 SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH
 MUSAFFIR :
 SHRI V. R. MOHAN :

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

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the constitution and composition of the holding Company for steel, and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) While decisions have been taken by Government on some of the issues connected with the constitution and composition of the Holding Company for Steel and associated input industries, others are presently under consideration. According to the present thinking, Hindustan Steel Limited, Bokaro Steel Limited, Salem Steel Limited, Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd., the companies to be formed for the new steel plants, Bharat Coking Coal Limited and National Mineral Development Corporation will be brought within the ambit of the Holding Company. The Articles and Memorandum of Association as also the management structure of the Holding Company are being finalised. It is expected that this work will be completed soon.

INDO SIKKIM RELATIONS

375. SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL :
 SHRI M. K. MOHTA :
 DR. K. NAGAPPA ALVA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past India's relations with Sikkim were not

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

HAND DRIVEN SHEET MILL

376. SHRI MONORANJAN ROY :
 SHRI NIREN GHOSH :

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the present hand driven sheet mill of Durgapur Alloy Steel Plant is not capable of producing various types of steel sheets of high standard, and

(b) if so, the reason to set up such kind of hand driven machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) While the Hand Sheet Mill of Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur is not unsuitable for production of small tonnages of certain types of alloy steels, it is, in terms of present day technology, not quite suited for production of high quality flat products on a commercial scale in a competitive market.

(b) The mill was set up after taking into account all relevant factors at that time such as capital cost and capacity needed to be set up to meet the estimated demand.

SMUGGLING ON INDO BANGLA DESH BORDER

377. SHRI KALYAN ROY :
 SHRI SITARAM KESRI :
 SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of propaganda in Bangla Desh on smuggling between India and Bangala Desh border if so, the details thereof; and