

^c) The investigation for iron ore in Alampara deposit of Kozhikode district I is in progress. The question of setting up a steel plant at Kozhikode can be examined only after the investigations in all the iron ore potential deposits are completed and the total reserves in the area known.

STATUS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SECTOR STEEL HOLDING COMPANY

*441. SHRI KAMALANATHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Public Sector Steel Holding Company has been designated as *ex-officio* Secretary to Government; and

(b) if so, whether it conforms to the existing procedure adopted by Government in such matters?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) It has been decided that the Chairman of the proposed Holding Company for steel and associated input industries will also be Secretary to Government in the Ministry of Steel and Mines in so far as items of work dealt with by the Holding Company are concerned.

(b) This decision has been specially taken by Government to ensure, on the one hand, that the Holding Company is not just another link in the chain of decision making but is able to carry out its duties and functions in the most efficient manner possible with the minimum necessary amount of regulation and guidance from the Ministry and Government, and, on the other, that the Holding Company fully conforms to the socio-economic policies of the Government and implements them diligently and efficiently.

STATE-WISE ALLOCATION OF STEEL

*412. SHRI BANARSI DAS :

SHRI SHYAM DHAR MISRA :

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

(a) the state-wise allocations of steel for the last three years;

(b) whether the allocations were fully utilised; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Under the present distribution system there is no state-wise allocation. Despatches of steel from the main producers are regulated by the Steel Priority Committee taking into account the end use for which steel is required, the availability and competing demands.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

U.N. CONFERENCE ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

1062. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the role played by India in the recent U.N. Conference on Human Environment at Stockholm ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : At the United Nations Conference on Human Environment, India not only became a spokesman for the aspirations and concerns of the developing countries but also made an important contribution to the study of the human environment and its problems as they exist in developing countries.

The Indian delegation succeeded in getting a resolution adopted by the Conference on the creation of a Fund for the betterment of human settlement.