

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b)
A statement containing the requisite
information is enclosed.

STATEMENT

The progress of action taken so far on the
setting up of a Steel Plant in the Hospet
region is given below: —

1. On the recommendation of the Site
Selection, Committee, Government have
approved a site, south of Tornagalu Railway
Station, mid-way on the Hospet-Bellary
railway line, for the location of the Plant.

2. The Central Engineering & Design
Bureau of Hindustan Steel Ltd. have been
appointed Consultants for the preparation of
the Teehno-economic Feasibility Report on a
2 million tonne integrated steel plant at the
Tornagalu site. Their report is expected by the
end of November, 1971.

3. On the Joint recommendation of the
Central Engineering & Design Bureau of
Hindustan Steel Ltd., and the Hindustan Steel
works Construction Ltd., an area of about
9,900 acres was provisionally demarcated for
the Steel Plant.

4. At the request of the Government of
India, the State Government have commenced
land acquisition proceedings.

5. The Survey of India have completed the
topographical survey of the plant site.

6. Soil studies at the plant site are being
conducted by Hindustan Steelworks
Construction Ltd. (a Government
undertaking).

7. The raw material sources have been
identified by the Committees set up for the
purpose and action is being taken for
conducting tests on iron ore, coal, limestone
and dolomite. **The** question of importing
low ash

coking coals to be used in blend with India,
coking coals of high ash content, is also
being examined.

8. The Railways have been requested to
take up surveys for the marshalling yard,
exchange yard, sidings etc. and they have
started the survey work.

9. A scheme for the supply of water for the
Steel Plant and Township has been prepared
by the Government of Mysore and it is under
scrutiny.

BUFFER STOCK OF SUGAR

534. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the
Minister of AGRICULTURE|

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under
Government's consideration to create buffer
stock of sugar in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

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(PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) and (b) The
Government has been regulating the releases
of sugar for sale by factories and by a process
of judicious releases it is being ensured that
reserve stock of sugar remains with the
factories to meet future contingencies. After
decontrol of sugar, also, this mechanism is
being followed.

RISE IN COAL PRICES

535. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the
Minister of STEEL AND MINES |

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under
Government's consideration to grant a rise in
coal prices to the coal industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?