

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 Techno-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 Indian 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. SHAR 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  
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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?