

Investment plan in steel sector in Gujarat

1672. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major investment plans in the steel sector in Gujarat in view of vital industrial potentiality of steel industry and major coastal belt for export purpose;

(b) the progress made so far;

(c) whether Government has drawn any time-bound implementation programme for these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) As per available information in this Ministry, one major steel players *i.e.* Essar Steel Ltd. is having its existing steel unit at Hazira, Gujarat comprising of a 4.6 million tonnes per annum. The company has also stated that it is expanding the capacity at Hazira to produce 9.6 million tonnes per annum of various finished steel products, to be completed by December, 2011.

(c) and (d) The implementation of the project is entirely carried out by the concerned company. However, through the forum of the Inter Ministerial Group, constituted in the Ministry of Steel major issues concerning the project are reviewed periodically.

Health insurance schemes for weavers

†1673. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Government to revive the nearly lost traditional skill of weaving of textiles across the country;

(b) the details of the various health insurance schemes being run by Government for the weavers;

(c) whether it is a fact that instances of gross bungling and irregularities have come to the force in the weavers health schemes/weavers health insurance schemes being run in different States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.