

steel units in the country including mini blast furnace, sponge iron units, induction furnace units and rolling mills. Total number of such units is approximately 3647, as per the last survey conducted by Joint Plants Committee in 2009-10. During 2011-12 production of crude steel from all steel plants including private steel plants has been 73.79\* million tonne (\*Provisional as per JPC).

(c) There is no proposal to take over any private sector steel plants by the Central Government.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

#### **Supply of SAIL steel for neutrino observatory**

2899. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India, the country's largest steel maker has been asked to supply 50,000 tonne of special steel for building a CERN – like underground detector for India – based Neutrino Observatory (INO); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the request from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) proposes to supply 50,000 tonne soft iron plate for India based Neutrino observatory (INO) project. A trial production of soft iron plates was taken up at Bhilai Steel Plant as per the composition and process parameters decided jointly by SAIL and BARC and found acceptable.

#### **Number of foreign tourist women raped and molested**

2900. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourist women raped and molested during the last five years and under what circumstances, State-wise, year-wise;

(b) FIRs registered and their disposal, and percentage of conviction; and

(c) whether such shameful acts tarnish fair name of the country and adversely affect tourist inflow?