

Setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants

2277. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry earlier proposed to set up Ultra Mega Steel Plants on the lines of Ultra Mega Power Plants in the country so as to produce more steel to meet the demand of the country and export;

(b) if so, the reasons for shelving the plan of UMSPs by the Ministry recently;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Finance Ministry and the States are not cooperating with the Ministry for UMSPs;

(d) if so, the reasons behind Finance Ministry and States' reluctance to the above proposal; and

(e) in the light of (d) above, how the Ministry is planning to go ahead in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Steel had circulated a Concept Note on Ultra Mega Steel Plants to various State Governments and Central Ministries in 2011-12. However, due to lukewarm responses from the State Governments, the idea was dropped.

Ministry of Finance had not shown any objections to the concept of UMSP.

Loans outstanding on SAIL

2278. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loans outstanding on Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) have decreased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the total loans outstanding on SAIL at present;

(d) the steps being taken by Government to reduce the same; and

(e) the period by when it is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.