

**Postponement of expansion plans of steel plants**

1220. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether many projects for expansion of existing steel plants and new steel plants have been scrapped or postponed infinitely by many companies due to various reasons;

(b) whether this has led to poor supply of domestic steel and increase in prices of steel;

(c) whether Government has identified such critical factors;

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to rectify them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) No, Sir. As far as Central Public Sector Enterprises under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel are concerned, there is no proposal to scrap or infinitely postpone the expansion of existing steel plants or new steel plants.

As steel is a deregulated sector, the data regarding projects of private sector steel plants is not maintained by the Ministry of Steel. The decisions regarding setting up and expansion of steel plants are taken by the project proponents keeping in view the market dynamics and techno-economic viability of projects etc.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

**Request to upgrade Ispat General Hospital, Rourkela**

1221. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Odisha has made a request to the Minister for upgrading Ispat General Hospital in the Ispat City, Rourkela to a full-fledged medical college;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with status of the proposal;

(c) since how long this demand of the State Government is pending with the Centre;

(d) what are main obstacles and hurdles that are coming in way of its development; and

(e) the action plan of Government to over-come such hurdles to this long-standing of the State?

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

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

#### **Major buyers of iron-ore in the country**

1222. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the major consumer/buyers of iron-ore in the country during the last three years and the quantum of iron-ore supplied annually to each consumer at the maximum rate of the year and maximum market value of finished steel per tonne during each of the concerned year; and

(b) the steel policy of Government in respect of industry and production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) Iron and Steel being in deregulated sector, decision by individual consumers/buyers of iron-ore in the country regarding the quantum of iron-ore to be procured, its price, the price of finished steel are taken based on commercial consideration.

(b) In order to ensure sufficient availability of iron-ore in the domestic steel sector fiscal measures have been adopted by Government by imposing an Export duty of 30% *ad valorem* on iron ore with effect from 30.12.2011 and 5% *ad valorem* on iron-ore pellets with effect from 27.01.2014.

#### **Development of eco-friendly tourism in U.P.**

1223. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount proposed/earmarked for development of tourism for the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether any studies have been conducted to formulate scheme for eco-friendly tourism in the country particularly for Uttar Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Development of Tourism in the country is primarily undertaken by State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for projects which are prioritized in consultation with them. The projects which are complete as per scheme guidelines are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, *inter-se* priority and utilization of funds released earlier.

The details of CFA extended to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for development of tourism infrastructure during last three years is as given below: