

are given below :

(Rs. in crores)		
	SAIL	IISCO
1980 - 81	(+ ) 1.01	(- ) 28.79
1981 - 82	(+ ) 39.17	(- ) 37.11
1982 - 83	(- ) 105.76	(- ) 71.05
1983 - 84	(- ) 214.53	(- ) 24.06
	(+ ) Profit	(- ) Loss

(b) Though there have been price increases in the past, these have not fully compensated SAIL for increases in the cost of production. SAIL has introduced a production-cum-Profit Improvement Management System to achieve higher production and improved profitability. The strategy includes diversification of its product-mix to better match the demand, accelerate sales by adoption of an aggressive marketing strategy and reduction of inventories of raw materials, stores and spares. Special measures to achieve cost reduction by improving technological processes, better maintenance to maximise the availability of equipment by timely repairs, minimisation of purchases of stores and spares and restriction of expenditure in all possible ways have been also adopted.

(c) and (d). Schemes for modernisation and technological upgradation of Durgapur, Rourkela and IISCO are under consideration of the Government. Schemes are also under formulation for de-bottlenecking schemes of Bhilai and Bokaro steel plants so as to enable these plants to achieve their rated capacities.

#### Strengthening of Territorial Army

\*11. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have appointed a Committee to strengthen the Territorial Army under the Chairmanship of General Sparrow ; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations of that Committee ; and

(c) those which have been accepted ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 21/85].

#### Development of Coal Reserves in Orissa

\*12. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa have requested his Ministry for the development of coal resources in that State ;

(b) if so, the steps taken therefor ;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken therefor ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d). No such request has been received from State Government of Orissa. However, based on regional exploration done by the Geological Survey of India and the detailed exploration by the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute of Coal India Limited, the development of coal resources of an area is taken up irrespective of any request by the State