

and does not seek any special facilities by way of a Government guarantee of repayment of any of its investments no special steps are necessary.

#### Revision of Steel Retention Prices

\*343. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number of times when steel retention prices have been revised by Government of India since the commencement of the First Five Year Plan;

(b) what was the prevailing steel price before the price was first revised and what is the latest revised price; and

(c) what is the total amount received by the steel producers on the differentials on each revision?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) Seven times in the case of M/s Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., nine times in the case of M/s Indian Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., and four times in the case of Mysore Iron & Steel Works Ltd.

(b) The average steel retention prices before the first revision and at present are as follows:—

Tatas	Rs. 251	Rs. 405
Indian Iron & Steel Co.	Rs. 273	Rs. 405
Mysore Iron and Steel Works Ltd.	Rs. 308	Rs. 405

Tatas and Indian Iron have also been given a provisional increase of Rs. 46/- per ton in retention prices from 16-5-57. This will be finalised on the basis of the Tariff Commission's recommendations which are under consideration.

(c) Approximately Rs. 24.71 crores were received by M/s. Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Rs. 10.14 crores by M/s. Indian Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., and Rs. 55.11 lakhs by M/s. Mysore Iron & Steel Works.

#### Production in Ordnance Factories

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\*346. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shri Tangamani:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether production in Ordnance Factories has increased during 1958 so far;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) whether workers' representatives have been associated with the production programme in Ordnance Factories?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of provisional figures available for the first quarter of 1958, the increase in production over the corresponding period of last year is approximately 17 per cent.

(c) The production programme is made out by the Factory management on the basis of demands from the Services, the civil orders and the capacity of the Factory. The production programmes are not drawn up in consultation with workers' representatives but they are kept informed of production activities in each factory through the Production Committee consisting of representatives of workers and management.

#### Loan to Orissa

\*347. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to a supplementary question on Starred Question No. 1399 on the 2nd April, 1958, in respect of new capital, Bhubaneswar, Orissa and state:

(a) whether the request of the State Government for a loan of Rs. 61.75 lakhs has been conceded by Government; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarakeshwari Saha):** (a) and (b). An overall sum of Rs. 350 lakhs has been sanctioned to the