

(c) the total amount of investment made by these foreign companies in these industries till date;

(d) the total amount of foreign exchange spent by these industries on import of machinery etc. and also on repatriation of profits; and

(e) the total amount of foreign exchange earned by these industries through exports, if any, till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) During the last 3 financial year (April 1992 to March 1995), the Government have approved 221 cases of foreign investment by foreign companies/NRIs/OCBs in the various sectors of food processing.

(b) and (c) . As per available information, 73 units envisaging foreign investment of Rs 937 crores approximately have been implemented so far.

(d) and (e) . While this information is not maintained in this Ministry, foreign approvals granted envisage dividend balancing and in most cases foreign exchange neutrality.

Gas Based Power Projects in Rural Areas

1214. SHRI C. SREENIVASAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state .

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce gas based power projects in the rural areas, and

(b) if so, State-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Capacity Utilisation of SAIL

1215 SHRI P.R. GANGWAR Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state .

(a) the details of the capacity utilisation of the Steel Authority of India Limited, plant-wise, till January, 1996,

(b) the reasons for higher production cost and the sub-standard production of steel thereing; and

(c) the steps taken to check the production of substandard steel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Details of utilisation of saleable steel capacity in steel plants of SAIL till January, 1996 are as under :-

Plant/Unit	% Capacity Utilisation
Bhilai Steel Plant, Bhilai	108
Durgapur Steel Plant, Durgapur	74
Rourkela Steel Plant, Rourkela	89
Bokaro Steel Plant, Bokaro	103
Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur	99
Salem Steel Plant, Salem	51
IISCO, Burnpur	74
VISL, Bhadravati	54

(b) and (c) . There is no authentic data about the cost of production of steel in other countries. Therefore, it is not possible to compare the cost of production of steel by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) with the cost of production of other steel producing countries. However, Bureau of Industrial Cost & Prices (BICPO) has recently submitted a tour report on Cost Study of steel industry. According to this report, the cost of production of saleable steel in Bokaro and Bhilai Steel Plants of SAIL during 1994-95 was less than the cost of production in Korea (Pohang Plant of Posco) and Japan (Kimitsu Plant of Nippon). The cost of production of saleable steel of SAIL during 1994 was less than the cost of production in USA, UK, France & Germany.

Certain production of sub-standard steel is inevitable as process arising SAIL is gradually modernising its plants. This will improve quality of products and reduce process arising.

Safe Drinking Water Supply Schemes

1216. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made by the Government in various safe drinking water supply schemes in rural areas during the current plan period;

(b) whether the Government have renewed these schemes; and

(c) if so, the details of achievements made so far under these schemes, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARJIBHAI PATEL) (a) Rs 2941.83 crores have been invested by the Union Government in safe drinking water supply schemes of States/UT's so far during the current plan period.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The progress of coverage of villages/habitations so far during the current plan period is shown in the Statement attached.

STATEMENT*Coverage of Villages/Habitations under Rural Water Supply Programme During VIII Plan*

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of villages/habitations covered during											
		1992-93(villages)			1993-94(villages)			1994-95(villages/Habs.)			1995-96 (Habitations) (upto January,1996)		
		N-Cat	P-Cat	Total	N-Pat	P-Cat	Total	N-Cat	P-Cat	Total	N-Cat	P-Cat	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	691	691	0	1408	1408	2519	255	2774	1202	1244	2446
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	169	169	0	149	149	148	0	148	95	25	120
3.	Assam	4	152	156	5	746	751	800	736	4536	649	0	649
4.	Bihar	0	5188	5188	0	3530	3530	0	7185	7185	2129	3604	5733
5.	Goa	0	54	54	0	56	56	0	62	62	5	27	32
6.	Gujarat	17	439	456	2	458	458	37	421	464	380	347	727
7.	Haryana	0	334	334	0	700	700	0	845	845	0	540	540
8.	Himachal Pradesh	337	236	573	0	570	570	538	262	800	594	112	706
9.	J & K	93	1	94	76	0	76	107	0	107	353	0	353
10.	Karnataka	0	5056	5056	0	5150	5150	8	4927	4935	368	4151	4519
11.	Kerala	0	252	252	0	164	164	0	214	214	47	379	426
12.	Madhya Pradesh	35	5631	5666	0	5963	5963	1121	11017	12138	5041	2529	7570
13.	Maharashtra	17	791	814	0	1373	1373	2758	4070	6828	207	3176	3378
14.	Manipur	0	86	86	0	155	155	86	84	170	111	44	155
15.	Meghalaya	491	197	688	210	533	743	223	140	363	42	0	42
16.	Mizoram	0	154	154	0	167	167	0	222	222	4	71	75
17.	Nagaland	0	49	49	0	65	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Orissa	530	1070	1600	20	5440	5460	4914	2437	7351	5106	1160	6266
19.	Punjab	508	142	650	0	343	343	426	0	426	248	3	251
20.	Rajasthan	25	1985	2010	51	2277	2328	1460	1594	3054	3183	623	3806
21.	Sikkim	0	18	18	0	70	70	0	66	66	60	44	104
22.	Tamil Nadu	0	2663	2663	0	3751	3751	172	3636	3808	109	1591	1700
23.	Tripura	7	207	214	0	215	215	537	73	610	614	0	614
24.	Uttar Pradesh	154	4810	4964	108	5939	6047	3719	7564	11283	6837	8827	15664
25.	West Bengal	0	1715	1715	0	1750	1750	3973	1399	5372	2205	1536	3761
26.	A & N Islands	0	18	18	0	19	19	0	20	20	0	16	16
27.	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	112	0	50	50
28.	Daman & Diu	0	4	4	0	2	2	0	11	11	0	11	11
29.	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Lakshadweep	0	4	4	0	4	4	0	2	2	0	3	3
31.	Pondicherry	0	20	20	0	21	21	0	28	28	0	19	19
Total		2218	32142	34360	472	41016	41488	23546	47368	70934	29584	30152	59736