

Plant	1990-91		April-June '91	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
Ingot Steel				
Bhilai Steel Plant	3650	3511	905	804
Bokaro Steel Plant	3400	2806	724	787
Saleable Steel				
Bhilai Steel Plant	2850	2795	652	658
Bokaro Steel Plant	2800	2426	652	663
Seleable Pig Iron				
Bhilai Steel Plant	121	95.6	24	26
Bokaro Steel Plant	418	332.2	16	25

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The major reasons were the deficiencies, both in qualitative and quantitative terms in coal and power supplies, especially at Bokaro, poor condition of equipment like coke ovens at Bokaro and problems with equipment like the Blast Furnace No. 7 at Bhilai. Besides, industrial relations and management constraints also played a part.

Irrigation Projects of Himachal Pradesh

544. SHRI K. D. SULTAN-PURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some major and medium irrigation projects of Himachal Pradesh are pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether feasibility studies regarding these projects have been conducted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d) The State Government is to get only one major irrigation project viz. Shahnehar Irrigation Scheme cleared from Central Water Commission. This scheme envisaging irrigation of 26536 ha. at a cost of Rs. 49.3 crores was submitted in July, 1987 by the Himachal Pradesh Government to the Central

Water Commission. This scheme was submitted in pursuance of the inter-State agreement of August, 1983 between Punjab and Himachal Pradesh on the construction of Shahnehar Barrage on river Beas in Punjab. According to this Agreement, Punjab agreed to supply 228 cusecs of water to Himachal Pradesh regularly without payment and also to bear the entire cost of lined carrier channel and head regulator for irrigating the areas currently receiving irrigation in Himachal Pradesh. For channels in potential areas the Governments of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh agreed to share the cost. Whereas State Government's compliance to the comments of CWC on Water Management, Cost Engineering, Irrigation Planning, Ground Water and Construction machinery aspects have already been received in the CWC, inter-State issues emerging out of the inter-State Agreement of 1983 are yet to be sorted out by Himachal Pradesh with Punjab and environmental aspects are also to be got cleared by the State Government.

[Translation]

Opening of New Post Offices in Dharbhanga and Madhubani Districts of Bihar

545. SHRI BHOGEN德拉 JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been long standing demand to upgrade the post offices at Bisfi, Baraha and Simri in

Bisfi sub-division under Madhubani district in Bihar;

(b) whether there is any proposal for opening of new branch post offices at Chahunta in Bisfi sub-division, Ejra, Urihn in Benipatti sub-division and Gauri Meren in Rajnagar sub-division;

(c) the time by which the above demands are likely to materialise; and

(d) the new post offices proposed to be opened in Madhubani and Dharbhanga districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir, there has been demand for upgradation of Post Offices at Bisfi, Barha and Simri. Their upgradation was examined but found not justified.

(b) There is no proposal for opening of Post Offices at Chahunta, Ejra, Urihn and Gauri Meran.

(c) As there is no proposal for opening post offices at these places no time frame has been laid for opening of these offices.

(d) During 1991-92 it is proposed to open 7 post offices each in Madhubani and Darbhanga Districts. The exact places are not yet decided.

[English]

Joint Commission of India and Saudi Arabia

546. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Joint Commission of India and Saudi Arabia for mutual consultation on matters of common interest; and

(b) if so, when was the meeting of that Commission last held?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a Joint Commission for Economic and Technical Co-operation.

(b) The last session was held in Riyadh from the 20th to the 22nd of April 1986.

Opening of New Post Offices

547. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices proposed to be opened during 1991-92 in the country, State-wise;

(b) the norms fixed for opening of new post offices in sub-plan and non-sub-plan areas; and

(c) the norms for providing a 'runner' to a post office?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 2000 new Extra Departmental Branch post offices and 200 departmental Sub Post Offices are proposed to be opened during 1991-92 in the country. A state-wise break-up showing the number of new ED Branch post offices and that of Departmental Sub-Post offices to be opened is indicated in Statement I and Statement I(A) respectively.

(b) The norms fixed for opening of branch post offices in rural areas are indicated statement II.

(c) A runner is given to a post office on the basis of workload which is calculated on the basis of time taken in transporting mails from point to point. A branch post office is normally provided with an extra departmental mail carrier either exclusively or in combination with other post such as extra departmental delivery agent/Extra Departmental Branch Postmaster, depending on the workload.