

postal buildings and staff quarters therewith details of funds earmarked, if any?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Eighty Nine (89)

(b) All the Sub Post Offices in Sambalpur Division have electricity. However, twenty five (25) Post Offices functioning from rented premises do not have water and toilet facility.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Planning for construction of postal buildings and staff quarters is a continuing activity and its scope is determined by availability of funds, land etc. At present two post office buildings at Bamra and Kuchinda are being built for which funds amounting to Rs two lakhs and one lakh have been allocated during 1991-92 respectively. In addition construction of staff quarters at Bargarh is likely to be considered on availability of land.

Rise in Steel Prices

1952 SHRI SHARAD YADAV
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) the percentage rise in steel prices with the de-control of steel,

(b) the overall impact on the steel user industry and other consumers, and

(c) the extent to which the profitability of the integrated steel plants is anticipated to rise annually as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) There has been no in-

crease in the prices by the integrated steel plants, after deregulation of iron and steel. Open market prices have also not shown any sharp fluctuations. There has been a mixed trend, of some increase in prices in certain centres/categories of iron and steel and of some decrease in others.

(b) Immediate impact of deregulation has been that States/areas located nearer to the steel plants have to pay actual freight charges upto stockyards, which are lower than the freights charged under the earlier freight equalisation scheme. The industries/users located distantly from steel plants continue to pay not more than what they were paying prior to deregulation, on account of freight till these are revised.

(c) Increase in profitability of integrated steel plants, after deregulation would depend upon many factors like increase in Government and other levies, actual levels of imports following import duty reductions, and the extent of increase in prices that the integrated steel plants would be able to effect keeping in view the overall demand-supply situation.

Development of Tourism

1953 SHRI NURUL ISLAM Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake any comprehensive survey to identify places for development of Tourism in the country

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the total amount spent for the development of tourism during the Seventh Plan period, State-wise break up thereof?