

steps are proposed to be taken by all or any of these banks as have not taken any such steps so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c).

Reserve Bank of India have reported that credit : deposit ratio of individual banks operating in Himachal Pradesh has not yet become available for December 1984. However, bank group-wise data is available only upto March 1984 and details are as follows :—

(Amount in Rs. lakhs)

	Deposits	Advances	C : D Ratio (%)
1. State Bank of India Group	14677	5718	39.0
2. 20-Nationalised Banks	21593	10737	49.7
3. Other Scheduled Commercial Banks (Including R.R.Bs.)	1908	787	41.3
4. All Scheduled Commercial Banks	38178	17242	45.2

The banks have been asked to take necessary steps for improving the credit deployment in the States where credit-deposit ratio is low. The banks are involved in the preparation of District Credit Plans with a view to facilitate deployment of bank credit in the implementation of development programmes. State Governments have also been requested to strengthen their infrastructure for deployment of large bank credit. All such measures are expected to improve the flow of credit in Himachal Pradesh.

Unsold Steel Lying in Stockyards of SAIL

1573. SHRI DHARAMVIR SINGH TYAGI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of steel lying unsold in the stockyards of the Steel Authority of India Limited and the amount of losses incurred by it during 1983-84;

(b) whether the current steel glut in the public sector steel plants is due to the poor quality of the steel manufactured by these plants; and

(c) the manner in which Government proposed to stimulate the demand for steel to end this glut ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) SAIL had an opening stock of 1.52 million tonnes of saleable as on 1-4-1983. On account of various measures taken, SAIL was able to bring down these stocks to 0.83 million tonnes as on 31-3-1984 thereby reducing their interest burden.

During 1983-84 SAIL had suffered a loss of Rs.214.53 crores, the main reason for this loss was that their net realisations remained lower than increases in the costs of production.

(b) and (c). SAIL are presently holding a stock of 0.64 million tonnes (provisional), this is neither excessive nor is there a glut of steel with SAIL.

Charge-Chrome Plant at Choudwar in Orissa

1574. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a Charge-chrome plant at Choudwar in Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of people who