

has been issued to M/s Vazir Sultan Tobacco Company.

Foreign Exchange from export of Prawns

639. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total export of prawns during 1983-84 and 1984-85, in terms of weight and foreign exchange earned; and

(b) what policy, if any, Government are adopting to increase the exports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) :

(a) Exports of Prawns:

	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs. crores)
1983-84	54513	315 10
1984-85	55507	330.01

(b) The policy being adopted by Government to increase the exports is through encouraging production of prawns and export of value added items.

Modernisation, Renovation and Expansion of Steel Plants during Seventh Five Year Plan

640. SHRI AJOY BISWAS :

SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the salient features of the modernisation, renovation and technological upgradation, expansions of the different steel plants which would be taken up during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, plant wise details thereof;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government for the different schemes in the different steel plants, details thereof; and

(c) the details of the progress made, so far in this regard, if any

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (c) Steel Authority of India Limited have formulated schemes for technological upgradation of the steel plants at Durgapur, Rourkela and Burnpur (Indian Iron & Steel Company) at estimated costs of Rs. 990 crores, Rs. 690 crores and Rs. 930 crores respectively. Investment decisions will be taken on the proposals after the VII Plan allocations of the steel sector are finalised.

The Schemes envisage that the rated capacities of the plants will be restored by the adoption of appropriate and cost effective technologies.

The expansion of Bokaro and Bhilai steel plants to 4 MT capacity each is in progress. The latest estimated costs of these schemes are Rs. 2000 crores and Rs. 2300 crores respectively. Some of the facilities of the Bokaro expansion scheme have been commissioned. The total scheme is expected to be commissioned by January, 1988. Similarly, some of the facilities of the Bhilai expansion scheme are under commissioning, the total scheme is expected to be commissioned by September, 1987.

[Translation]

Incidents of Dacoities in Banks

641. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMED :

SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise number of bank dacoity incidents which took place during the last three months and the loss of life and property suffered as a result thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government so far to check such incidents of looting banks; and