

the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider the desirability of locating it in Orissa near the NALCO plant under installation with a view to achieving better co-ordination and development of basic technology in aluminium research; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) The proposal for setting up of an Aluminium Research, Development and Design Centre is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c). As per recommendations of the interministerial steering group, Nagpur has been recommended as the most appropriate site for the location of the Aluminium Research, Development and Design Centre, which is meant to cater to the needs of the Aluminium Industry in the country as a whole.

Destruction of paddy crop in Andhra Pradesh

7918. SHRI C. SAMBU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether paddy crop in large areas of Krishna, Guntur and Prakasham district of Andhra Pradesh has been destroyed by rains during December, 1985;

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused;

(c) whether any special financial assistance is being given to rehabilitate the farmers;

(d) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for relaxations in procurement of damaged and discoloured paddy to benefit the farmers; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported damage to paddy crops in districts of Krishna, Guntur and Prakasam due to heavy rains in December, 1985 as per details given below :

District	Cropped area affected (in acres)	Loss (Rs. in lakh)
Krishna	1,65,750	20.00
Guntur	4,02,000	690.00
Prakasam	3,000	90.00

(c) Based on the report of the Central Team which visited the affected areas and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 713.73 lakhs has been approved for flood relief. This includes Rs. 107.67 lakhs for agriculture input subsidy.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been allowed to undertake procurement of the rice produced out of the affected paddy for distribution in the State.

Earnings by Doordarshan through sponsorship

7919. SHRI KRISHNA SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the total amount of earnings made so far through sponsorship fees and spot advertisements of the T.V. serials—Khandan, Nukkad, Rajani, Karam Chand etc., separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : The total earnings made so far through sponsorship fees and spot advertisements of the TV serials—Khandan, Nukkad, Rajani and Karam Chand separately are as follows :

Name of the Serial	Total earnings	(a) whether production of steel in the public sector steel plants has increased during the year 1985-86, if so, by how much in each steel plant;
Khandan	348.47 lakhs	
Nukkad	80.73 „	
Rajani	205.06 „	(b) whether the steel plants are still running in losses; if so, the details of loss incurred by each plant during the year 1985-86; and
Karam Chand	58.82 „	

Contribution from National Fishermen Welfare Fund for Kerala

7920. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have received a request from the Government of Kerala for substantial contribution from National Fishermen Welfare Fund to assist the State Government in setting up a Fishermen Welfare Fund; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala had requested for contribution of Rs. 35 lakhs to the Kerala Fishermen Welfare Fund from Central Government.

(b) The Executive Committee of National Welfare Fund for Fishermen Society in a meeting held in March, 1986 decided that it is not feasible to make such contribution from the Fund to the Kerala Fishermen Welfare Fund or similar funds established by other States. However, the limited funds established by other States. However, the limited funds of the society could be utilised as seed money for implementing specific welfare schemes proposed by State Government Organisations.

Production of steel in public sector steel plants

7921. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(c) whether any study has been made to identify the causes; if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to solve the problems of these steel plants so that they earn profit ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Production of saleable steel at the SAIL steel plants in 1984-85 and 1985-86 is given below :

Plants	('000 tonnes)	
	1984-85 (Actuals)	1985-86 (Actuals)
Bhilai Steel Plant	1810	2055
Durgapur Steel Plant	621	723
Rourkela Steel Plant	1013	1005
Bokaro Steel Plant	1459	1720
Indian Iron & Steel Co.	380	500
SAIL	5283	6003

(b) The first quick estimates indicate that SAIL has earned a profit of approximately Rs. 156 crores during 1985-86. The plant-wise profit/loss position is given below :

Plants	(Rs. in crores)	
	(Profit (+)/Loss (-))	
Bhilai Steel Plant	67	
Durgapur Steel Plant	(—)34	
Rourkela Steel Plant	35.20	
Bokaro Steel Plant	116	
Alloy Steels Plant	(—)29.50	
Salem Steel Plant	1.50	
Total	156.20	