

Private Sector Investment in Steel Industry

695. SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV:
Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the response of the private sector and foreign companies to invest in the steel industry has not been found encouraging;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are working on a package of measures to facilitate investment by private sector and foreign companies in steel industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d). The large number of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda filed for new steel projects and expansion of existing capacities is indicative of the interest shown by the private sector to invest in the steel industry. The State Governments of Orissa and Karnataka have proposed to implement integrated steel plants in the joint sector. Interest has also been shown by some private sector companies to set up large integrated steel plants. A number of sponge iron/pig iron plants are under implementation in the private sector.

Iron and Steel have been recently included in the list of high priority industries. Such industries have the facility for automatic approval of foreign investment in equity upto 52%. Foreign technology agreements in respect of such industries are also eligible for automatic approval provided the Payments are within specified limits.

High Power Radio Relay Station in Karimganj District

698. SHRI DWARKA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the people of Karimganj district, Assam are not able to listen National programme from Delhi and programmes from other AIR stations due to high frequency of Dhaka Radio Station of Bangladesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up a high power radio relay station in Karimganj District; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJA VYAS): (a) While primary grade radio coverage is received in Karimganj district from the 10 KW MW Transmitter at Silcher during the day time, some fall in the quality of reception during the night time, including the National programme relayed by AIR, Silchar, is possible due to adjacent channel/co-channel interference from the transmitters from the transmitters of the neighbouring countries.

(b) and (c). Due to resource constrains, such proposal is presently under consideration.

Loktak Hydro Electric Project

697. SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the area of the land covered by

Loktak Hydro Electric Project including that of Loktak lake in Manipur;

(b) the total cost incurred on the completion of the project; and

(c) the generation capacity in megawatt of the project; and

(d) the share of each state in the power to be generated therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH

RAI): (a) The area of land covered by Loktak Hydro Electric Project including Loktak lake is about 262 Sq. Kms.

(b) The total cost incurred on the completion of the project was Rs. 131.96 crores.

(c) The generation capacity of the project is 105 MW.

(d) The share of each State in the power generated by the project is as follows:

<i>State</i>	<i>Share (in % of energy generated)</i>
Assam (including Meghalaya & Mizoram)	34.67
Manipur	28.95
Tripura	11.52
Nagaland	5.81
Arunachal Pradesh	4.76
Unallocated	14.29
Total	100.00

[*Translation*]

TOURISM be pleased to state:

Visit of Foreign Tourist

698. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:
PROF. PREM DHUMAL:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited India during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 till date, country-wise;

(b) the estimated number of foreign tourists likely to visit India during 1992-93, country-wise; and

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND

(c) the details of schemes under