

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHANDEV): (a) The total loan sanctioned by Union Government to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant as on date is Rs. 2391.23 crores. the latest estimated project cost is Rs. 8348.73 crores (base IIIrd Quarter, 1991 prices).

(b) to (d). With a view to improving its long-term financial viability of the Company, various alternatives for restructuring its capital base are under the active consideration of the Government.

Indira Gandhi International Airport

4634. SHRI DAVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made so far on the various problems being faced by the passengers at the Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to improve the condition at the airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The study comprised to interalia examination of pax processing facilitation systems, improvements in passenger visitor information system, existing communication system and streamlining of lost and found property inventory and disposal system.

(c) The following measures have been taken to improve the conditions at Indira Gandhi International Airport:-

(a) Introduction of Prepaid Taxi Service, Paid Luxury Service & State Transport Service between Terminal and the city.

(b) Free inter-terminal shuttle coach service.

(c) Display of flight Information System.

(d) Improvement in baggage trolleys.

(e) Improved catering facilities.

(f) Ensured availability of critical facilities like water supply, electricity supply, conveyor belts, escalators and lifts.

(g) Free portage for handicapped.

(h) Free medical aid.

(i) Additional STD/ISD telephone facilities.

(j) Provision of child care rooms.

(k) Provision of basic facilities outside terminal building.

To ensure consistent and smooth operation, Airport Coordination Committee representing various agencies at the airport meets every month under the Chairmanship of Airport Director.

[*Translation*]

Shortage of Telecom Equipment in Godowns

4635. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone equipments and other items have been found short in various godowns of telecommunication centres in Orissa;