

**Utilization of Bye Products by
Visakhapatnam Steel Plant**

1061. SHRI M V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is utilising the bye-products coming out from steel manufacturing;

(b) if not, the details of quantity of bye-products getting wastage annually along with value thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken for utilisation of the bye-products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has reported that the gases produced in the blast furnaces are being used as fuel in the plant. The bye-products coming out of coke ovens are utilised for production of Ammonium Sulphate and Naphthalene. The value of the bye-products produced from 1st April, 92 to 31st October, 1992 was Rs. 21.06 crores. The balance gas available is used as fuel in the plant. The production, value and utilisation of the bye-products would improve with the stabilisation of operations of the plant.

Time limit for local calls in Bangalore

1062. SHRIMATI CHANDA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether any time-limit for local calls has been prescribed in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to remove the restriction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. It applies to electronic exchanges in all telephone systems of more than 30,000 lines.

(b) One call is registered when the called party answers and afterwards calls are metered for each unit of five minutes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Power Generation Capacity

1063. SHRIMATI KESHARBAISONJI KSHIRSAGAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of power generated at present by the thermal power stations in the country;

(b) the power generation capacity of these power stations and whether their capacity is fully utilised; and

(c) if so, the names of the States making optimum utilisation of capacity of the thermal power stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the period April 92 - October 92, the Energy Generation from thermal power stations in the country was 123765 million units.

(b) and (c). The generating capacity of the thermal power stations in the country as on 19.11.1992 is 48305.5 MW. The average plant load factor of Thermal Power Stations during April - Oct., 92 was 53.9%. It is not possible to generate from thermal units to its full capacity as the performance of thermal

generating units depends upon age of the unit, quality of coal, system load condition, hydro thermal mix in the state/region, planned maintenance and forced outages for the units and transmission constraints. The state/system having thermal plant load factor more than the national average during April- October 1992 are given below:-

<i>State/System</i>	<i>PLF (%) during April-October, 1992</i>
1. Delhi	67.8
2. Rajasthan	68.9
3. Punjab	62.0
4. Uttar Pradesh	56.5
5. Gujarat	57.5
6. Maharashtra	56.7
7. Madhya Pradesh	55.9
9. Tamil Nadu	61.0

[English]

Rourkela Steel Plant

1064. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to commission the fifth blast furnace in Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

International flights from Calicut Airport

1065. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce more flights from Calicut to Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any request is pending with the Government from private agencies for operation domestic flight from Calicut;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to increase the runway length of Calicut airport, and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). At present there is no such proposal under consideration of Indian Airlines because of capacity constraint.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. Air Taxi operators are free to operate domestic flights from Calicut.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Facilities for Tourists in Madhya Pradesh

1066. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: