

under the control of State Government. The State Government is also responsible for the provision of security to passengers.

Sail's Partnership with Private Sector

2419. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited propose to enter into partnership with the Private Sector firms in the steel related business;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been approved by the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHIR SONTOSH MOHANDEV): (a) SAIL may consider entering into joint venture with private sector firms in the steel related business as are necessary and beneficial to the organisation to further its technical or commercial interests.

(b) So far Government have not accorded approval for investment decision in a joint venture project by SAIL.

(c) Does not arise.

Employment to Displaced Persons by Bhilai Steel Plant

2420. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons of such families whose land have been

(b) the such persons who are you to be employed; and

(c) the time by which jobs would be

provided to all of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) According to Steel Authority of India Limited, 4468 displaced persons/dependents of displaced persons have so far been given employment in Bhilai Steel Plant.

(b) and (c). The system of preferential recruitment of land oustees has been withdrawn as per guidelines issued by the Bureau of Public Enterprises. There are therefore, no pending cases with the Bhilai Steel Plant.

[*Translation*]

Development of new Coal Fields with Foreign Assistance

2421. SHRI RAMASRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for integrated development of new coal fields with foreign assistance in Jharia, Dhanbad and Ranchi alongwith the development of waterways, urbanisation and for setting up coal based industries in these areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHIR AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Purchase of Scrap by Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited

2422. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state: