

**Britain's Development Plan for
Durgapur Steel Plant**

6550. SHRI MOHD. ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a development plan is being prepared by the British Steel Corporation (Overseas) Services for the Durgapur Steel Plant under the technical aid programme of the British Government;

(b) the date by which the plan will be ready;

(c) the full particulars of the plan with salient features;

(d) the date by which it will be put into operation;

(e) the amount involved; and

(f) the benefits to accrue to the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The plan is expected to be ready by the end of October, 1980.

(c) to (f) These will be known only after the proposals have been framed and submitted to the Government and the Government have taken a view on them.

**Service Charges for Canalisation of
Import and Export Commodities**

6551. SHRI RAM SWAROOP RAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the norm for deciding service

charge for canalisation of different import and export commodities/items;

(b) whether shipper/actual user of the imported goods has any say in the matter; and

(c) have not Government laid down that the service charges levied by the canaliser should not be in excess but commensurate to the actual service by the canaliser?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Service charges for different import/export commodities are fixed keeping in view the services rendered and various elements of expenses/costs incurred by the canalising agencies.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The end cost of the actual user as well as availability of raw material from other sources, are taken into consideration while fixing the service charges which are commensurate with the actual services rendered by the canalising agency.

Decline in Scrap Prices

6552. SHRI RAM SWAROOP RAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that scrap prices in the international market have been declining in the recent period;

(b) whether the domestic scrap industry sources have expressed concern that the arc furnaces are likely to import large volume of scrap on valid import licences held by them;

(c) whether it is a fact that scrap imports in large volume by arc furnaces would harm domestic collection; and

(d) whether Government are going to allow free export of scrap to allow the domestic scrap industry to maintain collection of scrap?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The international prices of steel melting scrap, particularly in the USA, the main exporting country, were on the decline for some months. However, in the recent weeks the prices have shown trends of firming up.

(b) No, Sir. The continuous rising trend in the prices of indigenous scrap also do not justify such an apprehension.

(c) No, Sir. A committee appointed by the Government to report on the working of the Ferrous Scrap industry, on which the scrap collecting| processing industry was adequately represented, has reported that the indigenous availability of scrap is just adequate for a production of 1.7 million tonnes of liquid metal by the electric furnaces and when production exceeds this limit, imports should be resorted to.

(d) Government is permitting the export of such categories of scrap which are surplus to indigenous requirement and have so far ensured that the domestic scrap industry is not adversely affected.

बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र की प्रगति

6553. श्री मूलचन्द डागा : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र ने परियोजना के अनुरूप प्रगति की है और यदि नहीं, तो इस के फलस्वरूप कितनी हानि हुई ; और

(ख) इस संयंत्र पर अब तक कितनी राशि का निवेश किया जा चुका है और वहां कुल कितने कर्मचारी तथा अफसर कार्यरत हैं और उन्हें कुल कितना वेतन दिया जाता है ?

वाणिज्य तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) परियोजना रिपोर्ट के अनुसार पहले चरण में बोकारो इस्पात कारखाने का निर्माण 17 लाख टन वार्षिक क्षमता के लिए, किया जाना था और फिर इसका 40 लाख टन तक विस्तार किया जाना था । अब दूसरे चरण के लिए कार्य हो रहा है और 25 लाख टन क्षमता प्राप्त की जा चुकी है । यह सच है कि निर्माण कार्य की प्रगति समय सूची के अनुसार नहीं हुई है । यह अनुमान लगाना कठिन है कि निर्माण अनुसूची के अनुसार कार्य न हो सकने के कारण कितनी हानि हुई है ।

(ख) 31-3-1980 तक बोकारो इस्पात कारखाने पर कुल पूंजी निवेश 1758.03 करोड़ रुपए के लगभग था । 31-3-1980 को कारखाने में काम करने वाले कर्मचारियों की संख्या नीचे दी गई है :—

कार्य पालक	. 3,376
कर्मचारी	. 36,664
	40,040

वर्ष 1979-80 में कर्मचारियों के वेतनमान तथा मजदूरी पर 46.50 करोड़ रुपये खर्च हुए थे ।

खुदरा व्यापारियों के लिए चीनी तथा मिट्टी के तेल हेतु वंजूर किया गया कमीशन

6554. श्री मूल चन्द डागा : क्या नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) छोटे खुदरा व्यापारियों को उन स्थानों पर जहां उचित दर दुकानें नहीं खोली गई हैं और जहां पर सहकारी समितियां काम नह कर रही हैं; चीनी