

Control of Pollution in Integrated Steel Plants.

5085. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study had been made at any stage on pollution control (both air and water) in respect of the six integrated steel plants under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the requirements for compliance with MINAS (Minimum National Standards) laid down for the guidance of the steel plants; and

(d) the element of foreign technology and import involved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Studies have been carried out by well known national institutions with regard to air pollution and allied matters at Bhilal Steel Plant and Rourkela Steel Plant. Similar studies have been carried out by Bokaro Steel Plant with their own resources. Negotiations are in progress with various agencies for carrying out similar studies at Durgapur Steel Plant and Indian Iron and Steel Company, Burnpur.

(b) Various studies have shown the need for further steps to control pollution and action plans have been drawn up for implementation in the Seventh Plan period.

(c) Minimum National Standards for the steel plants have not been laid down so far. Certain norms for control of air pollution have been specified by the Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution. The Water Pollution Control Act was enacted in 1974 and the State Control Boards have also adopted these standards to suit the respective regions.

(d) Pollution control equipments like ventuari scrubbers and electrostatic precipitators (ESPs) for control of air pollution, effluent treatment plants are manufactured within the country although with varying degrees of efficiency. With the change in technology of iron and steel making as well as shaping of steel, some of the specialised type of control equipment may have to be imported alongwith the main equipment until the technology of designing and manufacture is absorbed in the country.

Losses/Profits in Units Under N.T.C.

5086. SHRI C. K. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of yearly losses/profits of each units of Swadeshi Cotton Mills Company Limited since take over *i.e.* 1978 to 1984-85;

(b) the details of losses/liabilities of Swadeshi Cotton Mills Company Limited during pre-take over/at the time of take over;

(c) the extent of liabilities of SCM units under National Textiles Corporation at present; and

(d) the remedial measures Government propose to take in public interest and worker's interest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) The losses suffered by each unit of Swadeshi Cotton Mills Co. from 1978-79 to 1984-85 are given in the statement enclosed.

(b) The carried over losses, as on 31-3-1978, of the SCM Co. was Rs. 777.19 lakhs. The liabilities of SCM Co. as on 31-3-78 were as under:

	(Rs. in lakhs)
(a) Secured loans	975.36
(b) Deferred Payments	236.64
(c) Workers Dues	877.83
(d) Statutory Dues	299.25
(e) Other creditors	515.56
Total :	2904.64

(c) The liabilities of SCM units under NTC as on 31st March, 1985 for the post-takeover period amount to Rs. 4969.49 lakhs.

(d) The following steps have been/are being taken to improve the performance of these mills :

- (i) improvements in product-mix to fetch higher realisation;
- (ii) greater control on wastes and damages through process control at various stages;
- (iii) economy and control in cotton mixing costs, consumable stores, spares, dyes and chemicals, etc. and
- (iv) control on coal cost through better tie-up with Railway authorities and Coal India.

Statement	(Rs. in lakhs)						
	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
1. Swadeshi Cotton Mill, Maunath Bhanjan	+62.92	+67.55	+59.97	-26.87	-12.18	-32.41	-62.31
2. Udaipur Cotton Mills, Udaipur	+38.71	+61.03	+24.81	-13.41	-14.77	-15.82	-46.57
3. Raebareli Textile Mills, Raebareli	+0.69	-3.26	-16.02	-40.38	-54.63	-73.05	-83.26
4. Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Naini	+84.82	+115.75	+106.27	-55.13	-56.87	-183.41	-237.74
5. Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Kanpur	-34.76	-118.21	-107.26	-542.38	-509.19	-852.09	-1175.16
6. Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Pondicherry	+47.62	+8.59	+0.74	-99.39	-69.32	-162.20	-215.22
Total	+200.00	+61.48	+68.51	-777.58	-716.96	-1318.96	-1820.26