

**Development of Coal Mines in  
Madhya Pradesh**

2795. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES and COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coal mines located in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether there is a greater need for the development of these coal mines;

(c) if so, the steps taken for the development of these coal mines in the Sixth Plan; and

(d) the schemes prepared for the development of these coal mines in Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) There are ninety four coal mines located in Madhya Pradesh. Of these six are under the administrative control of Central Coalfields Ltd. and the remaining are under the Western Coalfields Ltd.

(b) Based on the coal demand of various industries, the programme of reconstruction of existing mines and development of new mines is decided upon.

(c) and (d). During the Sixth Five Year Plan period (1980-81 to 1984-85), 23 coal

mining projects were sanctioned in the state of Madhya Pradesh. Total sanctioned capacity of these projects at full production comes to about 34.00 million tonnes and sanctioned investment is about Rs. 1300 crores. Many of these mines will reach their full capacity of production during the 7th Five Year Plan and feasibility studies for a number of projects are under preparation for taking up more projects during the 7th Plan period.

**Steel Plants Running in Losses**

2796. SHRI RADHA KANTA DAGAL: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the performance of public sector steel plants are not satisfactory;

(b) if so, the names of such steel plants;

(c) since when these steel plants are running in losses; and

(d) measures taken to improve their performance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (c). Profit/loss position of SAIL and IISCO in the last four years is as follows :—

(All figures in Rs. crores)

Year	SAIL	IISCO
	Profit (+)/Loss(—)	Profit(+)/Loss(—)
1980-81	(+) 1.01	(—) 28.79
1981-82	(+) 39.17	(—) 37.11
1982-83	(—) 105.76	(—) 71.05
1983-84	(—) 214.53	(—) 24.06

The 1984-85 position will be known after the accounts are finalised but it is expected that SAIL may make profits for the year.

(d) To improve financial performance in 1985-86, SAIL steel plants will increase their production of steel from 4.9 million tonnes in 1984-85 to 5.4 million tonnes in 1985-86. They will upgrade their technological regimes,

improve yields of by products and attain better recovery of waste and secondary arisings, reduce working capital, reduce inventories, optimum captive power generation, better maintenance and increase production of demand oriented products by diversifying product-mix. Efforts are also being made to ensure adequate inputs and of the right quality.