

Profits of Steel Authority of India Limited during 1984-85

3749. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI MUKUL WASNIK :
SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited was expected to make a profit of over Rupees ten crores during the year 1984-85 due to increase in steel prices and interest holiday accorded to it in 1983-84;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the percentage of increase in steel prices made by Government on each occasion during the last three calendar years with effective date of each increase in price; and

(c) the details of total effect of increase in the prices on the rise of sale value of Steel Authority of India Limited and on economy as far as general inflation is concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) :

(a) It is expected that SAIL will make profits in 1984-85, the exact amount will be known after the accounts are closed. The interest holiday given to SAIL in 1983-84 will not affect its profitability in 1984-85.

(b) During the last three calendar years the steel prices were revised by the Joint Plant Committee as given below :—

Year	Effective from	% average increase
1982	1-4-1982	11
	2-4-1982	
	23-10-1982	
1983	1-4-1983	4
	24-7-1983	4
1984	22-6-1984	15
1985	21-2-1985	15

Price increases effective from 1-4-1982 and 1-4-1983 did not accrue to producers as these price increases were made to meet the additional requirement of funds for equalised railway freight. Out of the price increa-

se effective from 22-6-1984 about 12½% only accrued to producers as the total increase of 15% included increases on account of upward adjustment in equalised railway freight element, JPC Cess and reintroduced Engineering Goods Export Assistance Fund.

(c) The impact of the increase in prices on the economy has been marginal. The 1984-85 price increase is estimated to affect the wholesale price index by about 0.8%.

Increase in sales realisation of SAIL Plants (excluding IISCO) over the previous year due to increase in prices of steel and pig iron is as under :—

(Rupees in crores)	
1982-83	231
1983-84	164
1984-85 (estimated)	370

Construction and Supply of Boats to Andaman and Nicobar Administration

3750. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :
Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of indents placed by the Director General of Supply and Disposal for construction and supply of marine boats to the Andaman and Nicobar Administration for ferry services and carriage of cargo;

(b) the number out of them which have not yet been complied with and the reasons therefor;

(c) the action Government propose to take against the parties which have been constantly failing to comply with the contract and whether the new parties have been found out to execute completion of the said work; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) :

(a) Number of contracts placed by the Director General of Supply and Disposal during the past 10 years for supply of sea going vessels for Andaman & Nicobar Administration is *eight*.

(b) Four. The delay in execution of these contracts is mainly due to financial constraints of the suppliers.