

**Short, Medium and Long Term Loans to
Small Cultivators through Cooperative
Banks**

2871. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government have requested the Centre to permit them to implement the scheme for providing short term, medium term and long term loans to small cultivators through cooperative banks;

(b) whether the approval of the RBI and NABARD is necessary for implementing the said scheme;

(c) if so, when the Reserve Bank of India and NABARD would be giving their approval for implementing the said schemes; and

(d) when a final decision will be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The cooperative banks have been providing short-term, medium-term and long-term loans to small cultivators in Maharashtra. It is presumed that the question relates to the interests subsidy scheme proposed by the Government of Maharashtra for subsidising the rate of interest on short-term, medium-term and long-term loans provided to small farmers by cooperative credit institutions.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The Reserve Bank of India and NABARD, after examination of the scheme, have expressed their disagreement with the proposal. The Government have also decided not to concur with the proposed scheme:

Steel Production

2872. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Working Group on Iron and Steel has emphasised the need of installation of Steel plant at Daitari to check the growing deficit of steel by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether since the Third Five Year Plan period the share of the steel industry in total investment has fallen from 5.29 to 2.32 per cent resulting in deficit of steel;

(c) whether the Study Group has recommended against the expansion of existing steel plants and to complete the on-going projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of on-going projects which are awaiting completion, with details; and

(f) the total gap visualised by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan in demand and supply of steel output from our industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The Working Group has recommended the completion of the on-going projects, including the expansion schemes of Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants upto the 4 million tonnes per annum capacity. It has also recommended the modernisation and technological upgradation of older steel plants at Durgapur, Rourkela and Burnpur so as to attain the rated capacity.

(e) The various on-going projects presently underway in the public sector steel industry are detailed below :

Plant	Name of the Scheme
1	2

A. Existing Steel Plant :

Bhilai Steel Plant

4 MT Expansion

Rourkela Steel Plant

Silicon Steel Project

2 × 60 MW Captive Power Plant