

foreign exchange at the airport or in village Nangal Dairy as reported in the news paper.

(c) Vigilance at the airport has been tightened. Surprise checks are carried out from time to time and the persons apprehended are appropriately dealt with in accordance with the law.

Provision of Funds for Vijayanagar Steel Plant in 7th Plan

976. DR. V. VENKATESH :

SHRI H.M. PATEL :

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

(a) whether Planning Commission have not provided any funds for new steel projects in Seventh Five Year Plan and also for Vijayanagar Steel Plant in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government Karnataka have requested the Union Government to allocate funds for the Karnataka based Vijayanagar Steel Plant time and again; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not including the Vijayanagar Steel Plant during the Seventh Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) The total plan provision for new steel plants in the VII Plan is only Rs. 10 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Due to overall constraints in resources it has not been possible to provide funds adequately for this project.

Increase in Prices

977. SHRI BHOLANATH SEN :

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to check the upward trend of prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the inflation rate as measured by the rise in wholesale price index during the period January-October 1985 as compared to the rate of inflation during the corresponding period of last three years;

(d) the impact of increase in administered prices of commodities and the increase in wholesale price index on the general price trend during the period 1970-71 to 1983-84 and January-October 1985; and

(e) the rates at which the administered prices of commodities and the wholesale price index have increased during the periods mentioned above ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). Government has been closely watching the price situation and has taken a number of steps for effective demand and supply management including strengthening of the Public Distribution System, enforcement of fiscal discipline and keeping the aggregate liquidity in the system under control. The requisite information on increase in the wholesale price index during January-October is given below :

Period/Year	Increase in Wholesale Price Index (per cent)
January-October '85	5.6
January-October '84	6.3
January-October '83	9.7
January-October '82	3.1

(d) and (e). Data on movement of wholesale prices (WPI) and administered