

(c) the action contemplated by Government against the personnel of GIC; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure that the practices do not spread to other parts of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (d). Government had seen the news items to this effect and made enquiries is the matter. The allegations were not substantiated on enquiry. Full vigilance, however, is being maintained.

Setting UP of a Steel Plant in Bihar in the 7th Plan

1769. SHRIMATI PRABHAWTI GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a steel plant in Bihar during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in Production of Steel for Reduction of Import in 7th Plan

1770. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to increase the production of steel and reduce the import during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the quantum of steel imported during the Sixth Plan period and the extent of reduction in the import of steel expected during the Seventh Plan;

(c) the target set for the production of steel in Seventh Plan; and

(d) the measures proposed to be adopted to achieve the target ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). As against the imports of about 10.8 million tonnes of steel during the Sixth Plan period, the Working Group on iron and steel set up by the Planning Commission has identified a gap of about 5.8 million tonnes in the likely demand and availability of finished steel in the country during the Seventh Plan period. Imports are therefore likely to be lower in the Seventh Plan period than in the Sixth Plan.

(c) The Working Group on iron and steel set up by the Planning Commission has worked out the projections of saleable steel production during the 7th Plan period as follows :

(Million tonnes)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Integratsd Steel Plants	7.64	8.35	8.70	9.65	10.31
Secondary Producers	2.22	2.33	2.44	2.57	2.71
Scrap Rerollers	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36
	10.22	11.04	11.50	12.58	13.38

(d) To enable the public sector steel plants to attain their targets during the 7th Plan Period, efforts will be made to ensure adequate

inputs of the right quality. Schemes have been drawn up for better maintenance of public sector steel plants, their modernisation and