

seized *prima-facie*, unaccounted assets worth Rs. 2220.85 lakhs approximately.

Profit/Loss and Production of Textile in National Textile Corporation

1776. SHRI C.B. GAMIT : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the total capital invested in the National Textile Corporation;

(b) the year-wise total production of textiles in meters by the Corporation from 1981 to 1984;

(c) the year-wise details of profit or loss account of the said Corporation during these years; and

(d) if losses have been incurred, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) Rs. 932.85 crores has been invested in National Textile Corporation mills upto 31.3.1985.

(b) The year-wise cloth production by NTC mills during the years 1981 to 1984 is given below :

Year	Cloth produced in million metres
1981-82	903.50
1982-83	760.50
1983-84	902.00

(c) The year-wise details of profit/loss during the years 1981 to 1984 are given below :

Year	Losses of NTC mills (Rs. crores)
1981-82	71.24
1982-83	78.05
1983-84	137.36

(d) The major reasons for continuous losses of the mills are as follows :

(i) Old and obsolete machinery;

(ii) under-utilisation of installed capacity due to irregular power supply and power shortage, high cost of captive power etc.;

(iii) abnormal increase in cotton prices, particularly from the middle of 1980-81 to 1984-85;

(iv) increase in cost of power, coal, dyes and chemicals, stores and spares;

(v) excess labour force;

(vi) increase in wages/salaries;

(vii) poor work norms and low productivity.

Liaison Offices of India Tourism Development Corporation in Foreign Countries

1777. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation has any liaison offices in foreign countries to attract the foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the names of countries where these offices have been set up;

(c) if there have not been set up, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation has any hotel in an important city like Bombay; and

(e) if not, whether there are any other arrangements for providing information to the foreign tourists landing at international airports about the facilities made available for them by the India Tourism Development Corporation at various tourist centres in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) ITDC has recently entered into overseas marketing and reservation tie-ups for promoting its properties/services with Odner Hotel Representative Limited, Hongkong and Golden Tulip World-wide Hotels, Holland. Through these agreements, booking facilities for ITDC hotels are now available on world-wide basis.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) While ITDC has its own counters at Delhi Airport, the Department of Tourism operates Tourist counters at all the International Airports which disseminate information about tourist facilities made available by ITDC and other organisations at various tourist centres in the country.

[English]

**Import of Steel due to dismal
Performance of SAIL**

1778. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether performance of Steel Authority of India Limited has been dismal for the last six months or so and that Government proposes to import 1.5 million tonnes of steel during the year;

(b) if so, the quantity of steel produced by SAIL during the period April—September, 1985 as compared to the production during the previous six months stating the reasons for the shortfall in production;

(c) the estimated gap between the demand and supply of steel and the extent to which the import of steel is likely to bridge the gap; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to improve the indigenous production ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The production of saleable steel at the integrated steel plants of SAIL during April—September, 1985 was 2.61 million tonnes against their production of 2.23 million tonnes during the corresponding period of last year. Production during this

period was 17 per cent higher in 1985 than in 1984 and 98 per cent of the target. The target would have been achieved but for the 38 day illegal strike in Bokaro in April—May. This performance is neither dismal nor unsatisfactory.

Production during the period April—September, 1985 amounted to 2.61 million tonnes against a production of 3.05 million tonnes during the period October, 1984—March, 1985. Targets and production are kept higher in the second half of the year because of better availability of power, coal and other inputs as well as higher labour productivity.

(c) At the beginning of the financial year, it was assessed that in 1985-86 the demand for finished steel in the country would be 11.4 million tonnes and domestic availability was expected to be 9.9 million tonnes, requiring an import of approximately 1.5 million tonnes to fully meet domestic requirements.

(d) To improve the production of SAIL plants efforts are being 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 for removal of bottlenecks. Efforts are also being made to ensure cordial industrial relations and to inculcate a new work culture in the steel fraternity.

**Opening of Leh-Manali Highway for
Tourist Traffic**

1779. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Leh-Manali road is closed for tourist due to damage of road in the inner line limit;

(b) whether due to this many tourist who wished to have round trip travel from Srinagar Leh-Manali and vice versa are not in a position to do so resulting in losses to tourist industries of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry will take up the matter with the Ministry of Home