

mixed cropping with crops like cacao and by providing irrigation.

(c) The information is being collected from different sources and will be placed on the table of the House in due course.

**Proposal to exclude steel from  
Schedule 'A' of Industrial  
Policy Resolution**

2994. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has proposed that steel be taken out of Schedule 'A' of the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 to

allow the private sector to set up integrated steel plants ;

(b) whether some large industrial houses have offered to set up such plants with foreign collaboration ; and

(c) if so, the names of the industrial houses and of their proposed collaborators ?

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

(b) and (c). Three companies registered under the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 have applied for industrial licences for setting up integrated steel plants through sponge iron—electric arc furnace route. The requisite information is given below :

S.I No.	Name of the Company	Details of proposed Foreign Collaborators
1.	The Century Spinning and Manufacturing Company Limited.	Foreign technical collaboration may be necessary. Details not furnished.
2.	Hindustan Aluminium Corporation Limited.	Foreign technical collaboration proposed, but details not furnished.
3.	Zenith Steel Pipes and Industries Limited.	Foreign technical collaboration proposed, but details not furnished.

**HUDCO loans for houses to Individuals**

2995. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT :  
SHRI BANWARI LAL  
PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether HUDCO proposes to extend loans to those persons who have a plot of land in an approved colony and also to those having a plot allotted to them by a house building co-operative society ;

(b) if so, details thereof ; and

(c) whether HUDCO has any scheme to construct houses for those plot owners who make such a request ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) : No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

**Assistance to P.T.I. to Operate news  
bureau in foreign countries**

2996. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Press Trust of India news agency has been extended assistance to operate news bureaux in foreign countries ; if so, since when ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the same facility has not been extended to the news