

(b) The following allocations have been made for the Seventh Five Year Plan for

modernisation and new schemes at the Steel Plants of SAIL :—

(Rs. in crores)

S. No.	Name of the Plant	Modernisation and New Schemes
1.	Bhilai Steel Plant	180.00
2.	Bokaro Steel Plant	160.00
3.	Durgapur Steel Plant	460.00
4.	Rourkela Steel Plant	360.00
5.	Indian Iron & Steel Company Ltd. including IISCO, Ujjain.	52.00

(c) The modernisation proposal will consist of various sub-schemes. These sub-schemes and their allocations will be known only after the modernisation proposals are approved by Government.

Production capacity of Rourkela Steel Plant

437. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the present production capacity of Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) what would be the total capacity of the Steel Plant on completion of the expansion programme under implementation; and

(c) the prospects of production of saleable steel of the Plant during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The present installed capacity of the Rourkela Steel Plant is 1.8 million tonnes per annum of ingot steel.

(b) There is no expansion programme presently under implementation in the Rourkela Steel Plant.

(c) Due to technological obsolescence and ageing of equipment, the Plant will not be in a position to achieve its full annual rated capacity of 1.8 million tonnes per annum of ingot steel during the

Seventh Plan. A scheme to exploit its full potential is under the consideration of Government. If sanctioned, it will be completed only in the VIII Plan.

Loss to Indian farmers

438. SHRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian farmers incurred accumulative collective loss of Rs. 45 000 crores in real terms during the decade 1971-81;

(b) whether a study was conducted by the Department of Business Economics, Delhi University in this regard;

(c) whether the study report reveals that despite Government intervention in agriculture through procurement policies and subsidization of farmers' inputs; the farmers' net income per hectare from cultivation has generally declined;

(d) whether Government have examined the study report; and

(e) if so, to what extent Government are considering to implement the suggestions made therein so that the farmers' income may increase ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A study was made recently by two Delhi-based economists.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Available data indicate that the gross returns to farmers over their out-of-pocket expenses show sizeable increase over the 1971-72 to 1983-84 period. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to ensure remunerative prices to farmers for their agricultural produce, with a view to encouraging higher production and investment.

Gold exploration by geological Survey of India and Mineral Exploration Corporation

439. SHRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a five-year programme for gold exploration has been launched by the Geological Survey of India and the Mineral Exploration Corporation;

(b) if so, the main features of the programme and the places that have been found to bear gold; and

(c) the total expenditure involved in implementing the scheme and to what extent gold exploration has been successful ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The gold exploration in the country on a Five Year Exploration Programme was launched during 1980-85 and extended to 1985-90. Geological Survey of India is engaged in regional assessment work for gold and Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. for detailed prospecting in certain identified areas. The main features of the Programme includes reconnaissance traverses, large-scale mapping, sampling, drilling and exploratory mining etc.

(i) Hutti, Budhini & Kadoni blocks, Raichur district Hosur, Champion and Yellishirur blocks, Dharwar district; parts of Kolar belt and Manglur belt, Gulbarga

district; Palavanchalli-Honnahatti, Tambadihalli etc., Shimoga district, all in Karnataka.

(ii) Chigargunta, Mallppakonda areas, Chittoor District; Yerrappa-Gantalappa, (Ramagiri), Anantpur district, in Andhra Pradesh.

(iii) Maharajgadai area, Dharampuri district, Tamilnadu.

(iv) Talkoi and adjacent areas, Keonjhar district, Orissa.

Exploration work by GSI & MECL is also continuing in parts of Gadag, Kolar and Hutti-Maski Schist belts and Javagondanahalli area of Karnataka, and reconnaissance work in other parts of the country.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign assistance for urban development

440. SHRI K.V. SHANKARA GOWDA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether financial constraint is the biggest problem for city planners and managers of the urban development;

(b) whether the flow of aid through developed countries, organisations and other bilateral arrangements for the urban management has been minimal;

(c) if so, the total funds being received from foreign countries for urban development; and

(d) the schemes likely to be introduced during the current financial year for urban development ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Seen in the context of enormity of urban problems resources available to the sector are not sufficient. This happens in all developing countries where demand for the resources is high and supply not that