

The reasons for shortfall are :

(i) HCL - Mining of oxide ore at Malanjhand Copper project.

(ii) HZL-Higher over burden removal, erratic power supply and continued poor ground Conditions in the vicinity of shallow dipping horizontal faults, etc.

(iii) BGML-Renovation of new Golconda shaft; power interruptions and shortage at Yeppamana Mine.

The performance of the mining units is being reviewed at appropriate level in Government and necessary remedial measures are being taken.

The information regarding ore production by captive mines of steel plants of Steel Authority of India (SAIL) is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Expansion of Wellington Island Yard of SAIL

4096. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Wellington Island Yard of Steel Authority of India does not have enough stock of steel items like tor steel to meet the demand in Kerala;

(b) whether Wellington Island yard is so small that there is not enough space for loading and unloading operations and stocking;

(c) whether there is a proposal to stock more quantities of all steel items; and

(d) whether Government propose to shift the present yard to another place with more space and better facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Bulk of the demand of steel items like tor steel is met by the secondary producers. SAIL's production covers only 20% of the demand in these categories. Therefore, the availability in the stockyards of these items can only be limited.

(b) to (d). This stockyard is considered to have inadequate facilities. SAIL have, therefore, selected a suitable alternative site near Tripunithura.

Use of Organic Manure

4097. DR. CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether chemical fertilizers are not proving successful with farmers, who prefer organic manuring specially beyond certain limits, especially in arid zones; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) It is not a fact that chemical fertilizers are not proving successful with farmers. In fact, farmers are convinced about the beneficial effects of chemical fertilizers in increasing their crop yields. This is borne by the steady increase in fertilizer consumption in the country. However, conjunctive use of chemical fertilizers with organic manures so improves the soil physical properties besides increasing the crop yield.

(b) In view of (a) above the question does not arise.

TV Transmission Centre at Jorhat in Assam

4098. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the installation work of the low power T.V. transmission centre at Jorhat in Assam is progressing according to schedule;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?