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Setting up a Study Group of Horticulture

5578. SARIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government propose to set up a study group on horticulture and marketing to examine the possibilities of horticultural development in various parts of the country ;

(b) if so, the main features of the study group; and

(c) the time by which the group is likely to submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) A study team on the development and Marketing of horticulture produce in the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya has been constituted by the Government of India.

(b) The main tasks of the study team are :

- (i) Identification of suitable horticultural crops and their potential for development and production.
- (ii) Suggesting measures for marketing and processing of these crops.
- (iii) Preparation of an action plan for the remaining years of Seventh Plan and Eighth Plan.

(c) The Study Team is expected to submit its report during 1988-89.

Increase in Production of Steel

5579. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a plan has been drawn out to raise steel output during 1988-89;

(b) if so, the details thereof enumerating and identifying the new steel plants to

be set up and expansion of the existing ones with capacity to be added in each case;

(c) the estimated total cost for increasing the annual output; and

(d) the resources to be mobilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The envisaged production of crude steel in the integrated steel plants during 1988-89 is planned to be as under :

	(Million Tonnes) Target	
	SAIL	TISCO
Crude Steel	8.94	2.40

While it is expected that the on-going expansion of Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants to 4 MT each will be completed during the current year, the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, under execution at present, is also likely to go into production towards the end of the current year. In addition, Government is also planning to modernise Durgapur, Rourkela, IISCO and Bokaro to upgrade technology and optimise existing facilities. While substantive action on these modernisation schemes will be initiated during the current year, it will take some time before capacities are restored/added.

(c) and (d) The investment envisaged on the various capital schemes in the SAIL plants including IISCO for the year 1988-89 is Rs. 855.50 crores. The resources of SAIL, Steel Development Fund and borrowings.

Quality of DMS Milk Pouches

5580. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI ; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether polythene pouches being used by the Delhi Milk Scheme burst while handling; and