

USSR Offer for Modernisation of Steel Industry

1652. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USSR has offered to extend its co-operation to India in modernisation of its steel industry;

(b) if so, the details regarding the progress, if any, plant-wise, in modernising the designs of steel plants; and

(c) the details regarding the agreement arrived at in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Soviets have recently offered to modernise the Steel Melting Shops and Hot Strip Mill of Bokaro Steel Plant.

(b) and (c). The Inter-Governmental Agreement on Technical and Economic Cooperation between USSR and India signed on November 27, 1986 included a proposal regarding modernisation of SAIL's Bokaro Steel Plant. The Soviet Techno-Economic offer for this project has since been received. It has yet to be approved.

Care Funded Integrated Child Development Services Scheme

1653. SHRI NARSING SURYAWANSI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 70 lakh Cooperation for American Relief Everywhere funded Health Project in support of Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is scheduled for implementation in Karnataka State from 1

February, 1988;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the State and Union Government's role in its implementation after funding from Cooperation for American Relief Everywhere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). The funding from CARE (Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere) to reinforce the integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) through certain service components, is Rs. 30.94 lakhs for CARE fiscal year, July 1987—June 1988. The project is estimated to cost about Rs. 70 lakhs spread through fiscal years July 1987 to June 1988 and July 1988 to June 1989. The Government of Karnataka issued orders in January 1988 to implement the project from 1 February 1988. The project focuses on increased awareness of Oral Rehydration Therapy. Growth Promotion for Children, Intensive Education Campaign to enhance ORT knowledge and Diarrhoea Management capability. Approximately, 75,000 children and nursing/expectant mothers in 935 Anganwadis in 15 ICDS blocks of Dharwar, Bellary, Shimoga and Chitradurga districts will be covered.

(c) CARE will provide necessary monetary assistance. The programme will be implemented by the State ICDS functionaries. Monitoring will be jointly conducted by the State ICDS Cell and CARE—Karnataka.

Reduction in Plan Outlay

1654. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: