

Area Programme, 30% of the total allocation for the State is to be utilised for soil and moisture conservation activities like bunding, terracing, land shaping, construction of water harvesting structures, etc. In selecting watersheds for the scheme of National Watershed Development Programmes in Rainfed Areas, weightage is to be given to those watersheds which have more than 50 percent small and marginal farmers owning at least 25 percent of the area. Under the Scheme of Control of Shifting Cultivation, integrated development of selected villages involving development of land for agriculture, horticulture, cash crop plantation, social forestry, etc. and economic assistance to Jhumia families for subsidiary occupations like piggery, poultry, sericulture, etc. are provided.

Proposal to Invite Japanese Equity Participation in Steel Plants

10267. SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to invite Japanese equity participation in Public Sector Steel Plants;

(b) whether the equity participation or foreign assistance would be utilised for Durgapur, Rourkela and Bokaro Steel Plants; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). No foreign equity participa-

tion is envisaged for Durgapur, Rourkela and Bokaro Steel Plants. However, foreign financial assistance when available on acceptable terms would be considered for these steel plants.

Erratic Power Supply to D.S.P.

10268. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Durgapur Steel and Alloy Steel Plant at Durgapur has considerably suffered due to non-availability/erratic supply of power by the Damodar Valley Corporation;

(b) if so, the losses incurred thereby in terms of value and also in terms of tonnage during the financial years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87, Year-wise;

(c) the amount of overtime involvement in terms of money due to non-availability/erratic power supply by Damodar Valley Corporation; and

(d) the action Government propose to take to impose penal measures for non-supply of committed power and causing loss to the Steel Authority of India?

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 year-wise loss of production at Durgapur Steel Plant and at Alloy Steels Plants, Durgapur on account of inadequate power supply from Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and the value thereof during the last three years is given below:-