

and total payment accrued and made as property-tax etc;

(d) when by whom, how and at what rents they have been used after the Asiad either for sports or other activities; and

(e) what has been the total income from them so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

USSR Offer of Assistance for D.S.P.

6541. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of U.S.S.R. has offered assistance for coke even project of the Durgapur Steel Plant; and

(b) 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) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Production of Raw Steel

6542. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are preparing any Scheme to increase the production of raw steel;

(b) is so, the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the additional production likely to be made as a result thereof;

(c) whether this scheme has been prepared in collaboration with any foreign country; and

(d) if so, the name of the country, the amount of assistance being received therefrom and the terms and conditions on which the assistance is being received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Government are making efforts continuously to improve the performance of steel plants in order to augment production of crude steel. Towards this end, various schemes of additions, modifications, replacement of equipment, debottlenecking and expansion of capacities including modernisation and setting up new capacities in the Public Sector have been envisaged and are being implemented.

During the VII Plan period the total outlay for the above mentioned schemes is anticipated to be of the order of Rs. 7930 crores approximately. The VIII Plan outlays have not yet been determined, though such schemes are likely to continue during the VIII Plan period also.

(c) and (d). The plans for augmentation of production have been envisaged indigenously. However for implementation of some of these projects Soviet credit to the extent of 490 million Roubles approximately is likely to be totally utilised by 1990. In addition, about 340 million Rouble credit is also likely to be made available for Bokaro Steel Plant's proposed modernisation. This credit is utilised for meeting the cost of equipment and services obtained from the Soviet Union.

[*English*]

Drought Relief Measures to Boost Coconut Production

6543. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA ; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have sanctioned financial assistance for drought relief measures to boost coconut production in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu for 1988-89; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the share of Karnataka out of it; and

(c) the time by which the work to boost production of coconut will be started in the States ?