

and Steel Company Limited have been licensed to set up a composite electric arc furnace based mini steel plant at Bhandara in Maharashtra to manufacture 1,50,000 tonnes per annum of sponge iron for captive use and 1,60,000 tonnes per annum of re-rolled bars and sections.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Government have approved foreign collaboration proposals of the Indian Company with M/s. Krupp Industrietechnik GmbH, West Germany for the production of Direct Reduced Iron and with M/s. Mannesman Demag & M/s. Neu Hamburger Stahl Werke GmbH, West Germany for the manufacture of mild and alloy steel rolled products. The plant is likely to start production in May, 1988.

Changes in Modernisation Programme of Durgapur Steel Plant

8289. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHEPATIL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any fundamental changes have been made in the modernisation programme for the Durgapur Steel Plant in the light of the earlier modernisation programmes of other steel plants; 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) and (b). With a view to avoid heavy cost and time overruns in implementation of the project, a new strategy has been planned for the Durgapur Steel Plant modernisation which envisages placing orders on the basis of division of work into compact packages which would be implemented on turn key basis within specified time and cost. Besides, quicker Governmental clearances have been envisaged through an Empowered Committee of Secretaries and an integrated project team with adequate financial and administrative powers at Durgapur has already been set up.

Campaign to Attract Tourists from Gulf Countries

8290. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHEPATIL : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are making any efforts to attract tourists from the Gulf States;

(b) whether any campaign has been launched through Gulf media to promote India as a major centre of diverse tourists' attractions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism have launched print and electronic media advertising campaigns through Gulf media for promoting its diverse attractions. Under the publicity campaign tourism commercials are telecast in the tourist generating markets of U.A.E., Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar and Kuwait. Advertisements are also placed in important Pan Arab Magazines in Arabic such as Ustrati, Al Nahda, Al Vaqza, Al Majalla and Al Sayiditi. Advertisements are also placed in leading English dailies and magazines in the important markets of West Asia including Egypt. Journalists, photographers and T.V. Teams are invited to visit India under the Department's Hospitality Scheme to enable them to project India's multiple attractions in the Gulf States.

[*Translation*]

Provision of FCI Godown in East Delhi

8291. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ration is not being supplied in time to the fair price shops in east Delhi as there is no godown of the Food Corporation of India there;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up a godown in order to remove the difficulties being faced by the residents of that area; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) to (c).