

- (ii) The dumping of debris and denudation of forest in the catchment areas result in reduced recharging of the ground water sources.

(e) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted Doon Valley Board to look into the environmental implications of all development/activities in Dehradun. Besides, an ecological Task Force has been deployed in this area for ecological restoration of the valley.

Meat and Wool Production

1206. SHRI AMARSINGH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether while the demand of meat and wool is increasing the production is decreasing year after year;

(b) whether a meeting of the Central Sheep Development Advisory Council was held recently in this regard in New Delhi;

(c) if so, the details of the discussions held and suggestion made; and

(d) whether any special assistance is likely to be given to adivasi people who are solely dependent on sheep breeding and their products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) The demand and production for meat and wool is increasing every year.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. A meeting of the Central Sheep Development Advisory Council was held at New Delhi on 25th May, 1988. In this meeting stress was given to increase the wool production in the country (i) through cross breeding programmes and (ii) to improve the pasture for grazing of sheep.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

Modernisation of Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur

1207. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur is undergoing modernisation; and

(a) if so, what will be its impact on production, manpower and profitability ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Stage II modernisation-cum-expansion scheme of Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur was completed in April, 1988.

(b) As a result of the implementation of this modernisation-cum-expansion programme, the crude steel capacity has gone up from 1,60,000 tonnes to 2,60,000 tonnes per annum. No addition to the manpower is envisaged. However, added facilities are to be operated through re-deployment and training of existing manpower. It is expected that profitability of the plant will improve progressively.

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DTC Bus Service Between Delhi and Nahtor (U.P.)

1208. CHOWDHRY AKHTAR HASAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of buses being run by the Delhi Transport Corporation from Nahtor in Bijnor district of Uttar Pradesh for Delhi;

(b) whether there is any proposal to operate more buses from Nahtor to Delhi in view of the heavy traffic;

(c) if so, by what time; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) At present, no bus is being plied by this Corporation on this route.