

Desilting of Chilka Lake

1299. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
SHRI ANANTA PRASAD
SETHI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether as a result of several rivers and rivulets opening into Chilka, an estimated 30 million tonnes of silt enters the lagoon annually resulting in shrinkage of its size; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to desilt the Chilka lake ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) As per information furnished by the State Government the silt load is estimated at about 13 m. tonnes per annum.

(b) The State Government has prepared an action plan including soil conservation measures like gully control, construction of water harvesting structure, control bunding, stone terracing of adjacent hills and slopes and afforestation programme. The Dredging Corporation of the State Government has been asked to carry out a study of Magarmukh area.

**Cross Breeding of Sheeps for
Better Yield of Wool**

1300. SHRI PARASRAM BHAR-DWAJ : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the average yield of wool per sheep in the country is less than the yield obtained from sheeps in other countries; and

(b) if so, whether adequate research efforts have been made to cross-breed/local varieties with imported rams for more wool yield of finer staple ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Yes, Sir. A large scale cross breeding programme has been taken up in various States where local varieties of sheep are crossed with exotic rams for production of more wool of finer staple.

**Loss to Steel Plants Due to Power
Shortage**

1301 SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the steel plants which are suffering loss of production due to shortage of power ;

(b) the percentage of loss in production thereof during the last three years, year-wise and plant-wise details thereof;

(c) the total requirement of power for each steel plant, plant-wise; and

(d) the steps so far taken to meet the requirement of power for the steel plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) All the steel plants of SAIL namely, Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourkela, Bokaro, Indian Iron and Steel Company, Burnpur and Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur have incurred production losses on account of shortage of power.

(b) The loss of production on account of shortage of power at these plants has been as under :

| Year | Loss of Production (As % of Actual production of Saleable Steel) | | |
|---------|--|-------|------|
| | BSP | DSP | RSP |
| 1985-86 | 0.10 | 6.2 | 31.2 |
| 1986-87 | Nil | 13.3 | 15.1 |
| 1987-88 | 0.47 | 3.5 | 43 |
| | BSL | IISCO | ASP* |
| | 5.3 | 0.5 | 3.38 |
| | 15.0 | 0.5 | 8.0 |
| | 47 | 0.8 | 1.6 |

*In terms of Crude steel.