yard to build. At its best indigenous shipbuilding capacity can cater to about 20% of the acquisition targets of the Seventh Plan. Permission to acquire ships from abroad are given after taking all the relevant factors into account and the indigenous order book position.

Effect of Power Cut on Zinc **Production**

1378. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA-MURTY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hindustan Zinc Limited Vizag Unit is receiving 3 MW; if so, the effect of power cut on the production of zinc;
- (b) whether due to decline in production Government had to increase the import of zinc:
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of times the price of zinc was increased during the last three years; and
- (e) the total loss incurred by the Hindustan Zinc Limited due to power cut?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) Vizag Unit of Hindustan Zinc Limited was receiving power upto 4 MW only w.e.f. 14th March to 28th July, 1988 against the requirement of 20 MW. As a result of the 80% power cut imposed by Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board, the loss in zinc production from April to July, 1988 was 5200 tonnes.

- (b) and (c). On account of factors like shortage of power and water, the domestic zinc production declined from 76,366 tonnes in 1986-87 to 60,577 tonnes in 1987-88. The total imports of zinc by MMTC increased from 42029 tonnes in 1986-87 to 62528 tones in 1987-88.
- (d) The price of zinc has been increased 13 times during last 3 years (September 1986 to August, 1988).

(e) The net loss of production of zinc by Hindustan Zinc Limited on account of power cut for the year 1988-89 (upto July 88) is 2955 tonnes, taking into account the production loss which could be off-set to some extent by increasing power availability through operations of capative D.G Sets.

Central Allocations for Adult Iliteracy

1379. SHRI SOMNATH RATH; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the central allocations for eradication of adult illiteracy during the years 1985-86 to 1988-89; and
- (b) the percentage of allocations of adult education to the total central allocations for education during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) An allocation of Rs. 75.50 crores has been made in the Central Sector for 1988-89 under Adult Education.

(b) The percentage of allocation for adult education in the Central Sector to the total allocations for Education during 1985- 86 to 1988-89 is given in the table below :--

19.15
17.90
9.44
9.44

Implementation of Technology Mission in Kurnool District (A.P.)

1380. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kurnool district in Andhra Pradesh has selected for the implementation