

FACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of profits earned by the Shipping Corporation of India Limited during 1987-88; and

(b) the main sources from which the Shipping Corporation of India had earned profits over the past few years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) During the year 1987-88, the provisional profit of Shipping Corporation of India Limited before tax is estimated at Rs. 35 crores.

(b) The profits of Shipping Corporation of India over the past few years are mainly from the following sources :

- (i) operating profits from the operation of the ships.
- (ii) Reduction in the proportion of old and uneconomic vessels; and
- (iii) increased levels of efficiency.

Slag Based Cement Project at Bhilai

234. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether portland slag cement project at Bhilai was formulated in 1977-78;

(b) if so, whether the project was based on exploiting only a part of the Bhilai-Nandini Lime-stone quarry which itself was expected to last about forty years; and

(c) if so, the reasons for dropping the slag cement project at Bhilai ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) The Project, which was originally licensed to Steel Authority of India Limited, was transferred to the Cement Corporation of India Limited in 1983.

The Corporation did not, however, implement the Scheme, primarily due to constraint of funds.

Bringing Back "Kohinoor" and "Bhawani Sword" from U.K.

235. DR. B.L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any fresh move for the repatriation of the Kohinoor diamond and two swords including the "Bhawani" of Shivaji from the U.K.; and

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands and the attitude of the British Government regarding return the above items to India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Retraining and Redeployment of SAIL'S Work Force

236. DR. B.L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has embarked on an ambitious programme of retraining and redeploying its work force envisaging a substantial reduction in its manpower requirements for its organisation,

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) how far it has cut or is likely to cut its manpower and resulted in economy in expenditure on staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). Steel Authority of India Limited have a programme for training its employees every year which includes redeployment training. The training programme for 1988-89 envisages training of about 60,000 employees. The aim of training and