

('000 tonnes)

Plant	Target 1984-85	April-December 1984			Actuals during April-Dec. 1983
		Target	Actual	%Fulfillment	
SAIL plants including IISCO	5410	3743	3602	96.2%	3241

The production in SAIL plants including IISCO during April-December 1984 is 11% higher than that during April-December 1983.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The achievement of target of saleable steel will help SAIL in improving its financial performance.

(d) The cost of production of saleable steel has been going up over the years as will be seen from the following table :

Year	Cost of production of saleable steel in four integrated steel plants of SAIL (Rs./T)	Increase in cost of production of saleable steel over previous year (Rs./T)
1980-81	2553	...
1981-82	2859	...
1982-83	3432	...
1983-84	3970	...

The main reasons for increase in the cost of production is the increase in the cost of various inputs like coal, power, petro-fuels, labour cost over the period.

[Translation]

Decline in Tax Collection

21. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a 10 per cent decline in tax collection this year ;

(b) if so, the amount of taxes which should have been collected and the amount by which the collections fell short this year ; and

(c) the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[English]

Bringing the Weaker Sections above Poverty Line

22. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to bring the weaker sections of the society above poverty line during the last five years ;