

The project components, project benefits etc. are as under:-

- i) The reservoir area to be covered for development will be 14,580 ha.
- ii) Two fish seed hatcheries each of 10 ha. size will be established.
- iii) 409 cages will be installed for rearing fish seed.
- iv) Establishment of one ice-plant-cum-cold storage; 20 kiosks and provision of four transport vehicles for preservation, distribution and marketing of fish.
- v) Provision of training, extension support and supply of inputs to the beneficiary fishermen families.
- vi) Construction of 16 fish handling sheds.

Benefits:

- i) The total anticipated fish production at the end of the project period will be about 3,500 tonnes.
- ii) The number of fishermen families to be benefited will be 2,570.

Oxygen Units in the Steel Plants

2943. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Oxygen unit has been set up at the Bokaro Steel Plant recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of steel plants, State-wise where there are Oxygen units and details of the plants which are yet to be provided with such units together with the reasons for delay; and

(d) the estimated expenditure incurred thereon and the estimated expenditure to

be incurred on other plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A oxygen unit with a capacity of 12000 NM³/hr. has been supplies, erected and commissioned in November, 1988 at Bokaro Steel Plant by M/s Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd. (BHPVL) on turn-key basis.

(c) and (d). The integrated steel plants with locations, having oxygen units are as follows:-

- i) Bhilai Steel Plant, Bhilai, Madhya Pradesh.
- ii) Bokaro Steel Plant, Bokaro, Bihar.
- iii) Tata Iron & Steel Company, Jamshedpur, Bihar.
- iv) Durgapur Steel Plant, Durgapur, West Bengal.
- v) Rourkela Steel Plant, Rourkela, Orissa.

Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO), Burnpur, West Bengal, does not have oxygen unit as there was no technological requirement for such a unit there.

As in the integrated steel plants of SAIL the equipment for the oxygen units were procured alongwith other equipments of the plants, cost of the individual oxygen units are not separately available.

The latest oxygen plant of TISCO cost them Rs. 32 crores.

New oxygen units under the modernisation programmes are proposed to be provided at the following plants:-

- i) IISCO, Burnpur.
- ii) Durgapur Steel Plant.
- iii) Rourkela Steel Plant.

Exact costs of these units would be available only when orders are placed.

Mica Industry

2944. SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL:
SHRI S. B. SIDNAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether plans are being considered to review mica industry;

(b) whether a National Conference on demand and research on utilisation of mica was called in the month of August by the Indian Bureau of Mines;

(c) if so, the main proposals that were considered; and

(d) the time likely to be taken for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d). A Working Group has been constituted in April, 1988 to assess the present and future domestic demand of mica in the country, to survey the research work done by various institutions for development of mica industry, to indicate any gaps in research and development work and provide possible uses of mica in the country. AS a part of the deliberations of the Working Group, the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) had convened a National Conference on Mica in August, 1988 for making a realistic assessment of the present and future demand of mica. The Working Group is required to submit its report by April, 1989.

Duty Free-High Speed Diesel Oil to Smaller Mechanised Fishing Crafts

2945. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smaller mechanised fishing crafts are not entitled to duty free high speed diesel oil;

(b) whether Government of Maharashtra and other Coastal States have urged Union Government to extend this facility to smaller mechanised fishing crafts also; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Union Government to demand and steps taken in this regard?

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

(a) Fishing vessels of 13.7 Metre length and above and fitted with engines of not less than 150 BHP are only eligible for excise duty rebate on High Speed Diesel Oil.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal to extend excise duty rebate on diesel oil to all mechanised fishing vessels has been examined and it was not found feasible on the grounds of administrative constraints and possible revenue leakage.

Damage Caused to Orange Crops in Maharashtra

2946. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the orange crops has been badly damaged during the current season in the Vidarbha region and Nagpur district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether Union Government has sent a Central Team to Vidarbha and Nagpur to assess the damage caused to such crops; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the assistance given by Union Government to Maharashtra Government to meet the situation?

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

(a) No report from the Government of