

Government at an estimated cost of Rs. 16 crores (approx), the Catalyst Division is expected to become economically viable. The R&D Division is making efforts to get more client-oriented work to narrow down its deficit.

[English]

### Launching of New Programme for Employment in Rural Areas

2949. DR. PHULRENU GUHA:  
DR. DATTA SAMANT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new programmes are being launched or proposed to be launched for employment to rural poor in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY):  
(a) Yes, Sir. A new Intensive Rural Employment Programme known as Jawaharlal Nehru Rojgar Yojana is being launched with effect from 1st April, 1989.

(b) The Jawaharlal Nehru Rojgar Yojana will be implemented in 120 districts of the country chosen on the basis of incidence of backwardness and unemployment. Rs. 500 crores have been provided for the Yojana. The funds under the Yojana will be in addition to the funds available under the existing wage employment programmes. It has been calculated that the total wage employment created under the old and new programmes will be such that almost all the wage employment needs of at least one member of rural family in the hosen districts will be met.

### Expansion of Kalinga Iron Works

2950. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for the expansion of Kalinga Iron Works, Barbil in Orissa;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for the expansion of that Iron works;

(c) the Central assistance given for the expansion of that plant, if any; and

(d) the details of the programmes/plans included in the expansion programme?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d). Kalinga Iron Works is a unit in the Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Limited (IDCOL), a public Sector undertaking of the Government of Orissa. As per information furnished by IDCOL, they have received a registration for substantial expansion of the capacity of Kalinga Iron Works by 40,000 tonnes of foundry grade pig iron over and above the existing capacity of 1,00,000 tonnes. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 18.14 crores, No central assistance is involved in the project.

### Visit of Turkish President

2952. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK:  
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Turkey visited India in February, 1989; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held with him?