

Supply of Steel etc., to drought affected States

6215. SHRI S. S. SOMANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of the drought affected States had sought assistance in getting steel, cement and R.C.C. pipes for the purpose of lift irrigation and other schemes to face the serious scarcity situation;

(b) if so, the demand made by each State and the quantity allotted and supplied to each State so far; and

(c) what is the criteria for allocation and assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK):

(a) to (c). The availability position of steel has improved considerably during the last few years and there is no control over its distribution at present. The question of any allotment does not arise.

2. As regards R.C.C. pipes also, there is no control on their distribution. These pipes are made by units in the small scale, the medium scale and the large scale sectors

3. Regarding cement, while no special request for allocation has been received recently, for purposes of lift irrigation and other schemes from any State, the State of Orissa had requested for restoration of the cut of 18 per cent in the allocation which had been made uniformly in respect of all States, on the ground that most parts of Orissa were going through severe drought and a number of development projects had been taken up to provide employment to the people affected by drought. However, it was not found possible to exempt this State from the cut, in view of the unsatisfactory position of availability of power in the country.

बिहार में राष्ट्रीय मलेरिया उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम

6216. श्री युवराज : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार के कुछ नगरों को राष्ट्रीय मलेरिया उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत शामिल किया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कटिहार जिले के कटिहार नगर, पूर्णिया जिले के पूर्णिया नगर और किसनगंज को उक्त कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत कब शामिल किया जायेगा ; और

(ग) यदि उन्हें इसके अन्तर्गत शामिल नहीं किया गया है, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राज नारायण) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग). राष्ट्रीय मलेरिया उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम (नगरीय) के अन्तर्गत केवल उन्ही शहरों को शामिल किया जाता है जिनमें मलेरिया से पीड़ित होने वाले व्यक्तियों की संख्या अधिक होती है। मच्छरों पर काबू पाने के लिए कटिहार और पूर्णिया में पहले ही फाइलेरिया नियंत्रण यूनिट कार्य कर रहे हैं। किसनगंज में मलेरिया अधिक नहीं फैला हुआ है।

Durgapur Steel Plant

6217. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement to construct the 5A battery at the Durgapur Steel Plant was reached between Hindustan Steel and Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Ltd. and Engineering Project (India) Ltd. in May, 1973;