

Output of Steel during 1976-77 and 1977-78

668. SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the output of steel in terms of ingots saleable products value and capacity utilisation with reference to each plant in 1976-77 and in the first six months of 1977-78;

(b) the quantity and value of steel exported in 1976-77 and in the first six months of 1977-78 country-wise and

(c) internal consumption in 1976-77 and in the first six months of 1977-78 in terms of quantity and value?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) The output of steel in terms of ingot steel and saleable steel from each of the integrated steel plants in 1976-77 and during the period April—September, 1977, and the extent of capacity utilisation are indicated in the statement I laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See LS-1074/77].

The estimated value of saleable steel (inclusive of excise duty and Railway freight) in respect of Bhilai, Rourkela, Durgapur and Bokaro Steel Plants is indicated below. Similar information in respect of TISCO and IISCO is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(Rs. in million)

S.No.	Plant	for production during 1976-77	for production during six months of 1977-78
1.	Bhilai Steel Plant .	3184	1503
2.	Rourkela Steel Plant	3230	1513
3.	Durgapur Steel Plant	1615	751
4.	Bokaro Steel Limited.	1655	987

(b) The country-wise exports of steel in 1976-77 and during the period, April-September, 1977, are shown in the Statements I and III, laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1074/77.]

The total value of exports in 1976-77 and in April-September, 1977, was Rs. 260.51 crores and Rs. 101 crores respectively. It will not be in commercial interest to indicate the value of exports country-wise.

(c) The internal consumption of steel in 1976-77 and during the period April—September, 1977, is estimated at 6.133 million tonnes and 3.493 million tonnes respectively. Information relating to the value thereof is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Report of working on future growth of Steel Plants

669. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group set up by his Ministry on future growth of steel plants has given its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether his idea of export-based steel plants has been endorsed by this group?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) to (c). Presumably this refers to the Study Group set up by SAIL on Expansion of Steel Industry.

The Report has since been submitted by the Study Group and recommendations made by them are given in the Statement attached.

In the deliberations of the Study Group during the various meetings, the possibility of setting up an export-based steel plant was also considered.