

## Statement

Year	Amount allocated to I.C.M.R.	Amount spent on research
1974-75	Rs. 255 lakhs	Rs. 251.90 lakhs.
1975-76	Rs. 320 lakhs.	Rs. 328.96 lakhs
1976-77	Rs. 425.81 lakhs	Rs. 423.95 lakhs.

## Denial of Visas to Indian Scholars in U.S.A.

1430 SHRI NIRMAL CHANDRA JAIN Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that recently the Government of USA have adopted a strict restrictive policy in respect of the issue of Visas as a consequence of which the Indian scholars who have been awarded assistantships and fellowships have not been issued Visas by the US Embassy in Delhi,

(b) whether Government are also aware that 30 such cases are still pending on the file and

(c) what measures Government propose to adopt to help the Indian scholars intending to go to USA for further studies?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir, some cases of this nature have come to Government's attention.

(b) Government cannot exactly say how many such cases are still pending, as the actual number will be available only with the US authorities.

(c) Government have expressed their concern over this matter to the U.S. through diplomatic channels, both in New Delhi and in Washington.

## Salem Steel Plant

1431 SHRI P S RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of Salem Steel Plant Project as originally envisaged;

(b) the phases of the project completed so far and the time schedule for completion of the remaining phases,

(c) the expenditure incurred at the various phases and the further expenditure proposed for remaining phases,

(d) whether the project has been revised; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA) (a) Based on Feasibility Report, it was decided in May, 1972 to establish a Plant at Salem to produce the following —

Stainless Steel	70 000 tonnes/ Annum
Silicon Steel	75,000 tonnes
Special Steel	50 000 tonnes
	1 95 000 tonnes

(b) The first stage of the Salem Steel Plant is now under execution and production is expected to commence towards the end of 1981. No decision has yet been taken on the implementation of the second stage of the project.