

Tax Arrears against Cinema Stars and Film Producers

3095. SHRI RASABEHARI BEHERE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) names of cinema stars and Film Producers against whom Income-tax, super tax and other tax dues of more than five lakhs are outstanding; and

(b) names of the persons in film industries including film stars against whom tax evasion investigation is going on and against whom prosecution has been initiated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) and (b) The information is not readily available; it is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Static Production of Steel

3096. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state whether the production of Steel remained static during the period 1977-1979; if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): The production of saleable steel in the integrated steel plants (including TISCO) in the year 1977-78 was 6.89 million tonnes, which went down to 6.59 million tonnes (i.e., by 4.4 per cent) in 1978-79 and 6.94 million tonnes (i.e., by 12.3 per cent) in 1979-80.

The production of steel during this period was adversely affected mainly on account of severe constraints in the availability of coal and power, both in terms of quality and quantity. In 1978-79, the production was also adversely affected by the unprecedented rains and floods in West Bengal in September, 1978 resulting in flooding of coal fields as well as Dur-

gapur Steel Plant, affecting rail movement, and delay in the commissioning of Converter No. 5 of Bokaro Steel Plant. Further deterioration in the availability of coal and power was responsible for continued downtrend in 1979-80.

Air Service between Muzaffarpur and Patna

3097. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that there is a proposal before the Government to connect principal cities of the Country by Indian Airlines service flights; and

(b) if so, do Government propose to introduce a regular service of Indian Airlines between Muzaffarpur and Patna this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Indian Airlines is already operating air services to the principal cities of the country.

(b) No, Sir.

Lead Banks in Districts of Gujarat

3098. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) names of lead banks of districts of Gujarat—district-wise;

(b) details of their district credit plan for 1980-82, sector-wise;

(c) whether action plans have been undertaken for 1980; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) to (d) The required information, except in respect of District Credit Plans 1980-