

(b) and (c). Immediately after take over of the management of the Company, a Plant Rehabilitation Scheme was launched to restore the technical health of the Plant. This scheme is likely to cost Rs. 58 crores and is expected to be completed by March, 1981.

Certain Capital Expenditure Schemes to provide essential infrastructure have also been undertaken. More important of these schemes are:—

- (i) Reconditioning of 33 nos. of EOT cranes in rolling mill complex (Estimated cost Rs. 3.5 crores) to be completed by December, 1981.
- (ii) Construction of a new coke oven battery (Estimated cost Rs. 27 crores) to be completed by January, 1982.
- (iii) Installation of a box wagon tippler (Estimated cost Rs. 3.25 crores) to be completed by June, 1981.

A number of other schemes including development of ore mines and collieries, installation of sinter-plant with ancillaries and diversification of Kulti Works, costing approximately Rs. 177 crores have been suggested for inclusion in the Sixth Five Year Plan. Only after it is finally known which of the schemes have been included in the Plan, will it be possible to indicate their likely dates of completion.

Updating of technology, removal of obsolescence, providing for replacement of wornout equipment and adding new equipment to improve production in a steel plant is a continuous process and is undertaken even in a profit earning unit. Each scheme of rehabilitation cannot, therefore, be assessed only in terms of wiping out the loss completely or partially.

#### Verification of claims of Jute purchased by JCI

3607. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Jute purchased by the JCI from the growers directly during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether any verification is done of the correctness of the claims made by the JCI and the co-operatives that they are buying from the growers and whether the Ministry receives any report thereon; and

(c) if so, what are the findings?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The information is furnished in the enclosed statement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Statement

Year	Procurement by JCI (excluding procurement by Co-operatives)	Procurement from primary markets (principally from growers)
	(in lakh bales)	
1977-78 . . . . .	0.51	Nil
1978 79 . . . . .	6.19	1.61
1979-80 . . . . .	4.54	1.77
1980-81 . . . . . (Upto 29-11-80)	4.73	2.36

#### Countries of the world attracting Tourists

3608. SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of major countries of the world attracting tourists in large number during 1979 together with details;

(b) how does this number compare with India;