

production in Steel Plants in 1979-80 due to short supply of power by Damodar Vailey Corporation?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):** It is difficult to segregate the loss of production owing to power shortage along. However, an attempt has been made to compute the notional figure of production loss in quantities of saleable steel due to power shortage from D.V.C. in SAIL plants during 1979-80. The details are as under:—

('000 tonnes)

Plant	Loss
Durgapur Steel Plant.	353
Bokaro Steel Plant	348
Indian Iron and Steel Co.	117
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Total for Integrated Steel Plants of SAIL.	818
Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur (in terms of ingot steel)	22

**Central aid to write off Agricultural Loan Arrears of Small Farmers in Tamil Nadu.**

611. **SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASAM:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu asking for Central aid to write off of Agricultural loan arrears of small farmers in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the nature of the request and details thereof and the reaction of Government on that request?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the Government of Tamil Nadu had proposed writing off the Takkavi

loans and cooperative loans of small and marginal farmers and had asked for Central Government assistance on the same. It has been clarified to the State Government that any scheme for write off of cooperative loans will have to be from their own funds and no Central assistance can be given for this purpose. This was in view of the fact that general or a large scale write off of loans would have adverse impact on the atmosphere regarding repayment of dues of financial institutions and the recycling of funds lent by them to the farming sector.

**Expenditure on publicising about the availability of sugar in Delhi**

612. **SHRI SURAJ BHAN:** Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on publicising the fact that sugar was freely available in Delhi/New Delhi during the last sugar crisis;

(b) the modes of advertisements and the amount spent thereon separately; and

(c) the result of the advertisement?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY)** (a) and (b). According to the information made available by the Delhi Administration, a sum of Rs. 5,70,000/- has been spent so far on publishing public notices in newspapers indicating locations of outlets opened for making available levy-free sugar to the public.

(c) The public notices provided useful information to the residents in the Union Territory regarding the location of the outlets opened by the Delhi Administration for selling levy-free sugar as also information regarding the price and the scale of issue. This information has proved extremely useful in making available a scarce commodity like usgar during the last festival season to the residents of the Union Territory.