

(e) what steps Government propose to take to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The shortfall in actual production of saleable steel at public sector steel plant against the proportionate target during the period April—September, 1980 was 7.14 lakh tonnes. The gap between the total requirement and indigenous production for the entire year is estimated at 1.4 million tonnes which will be met by imports under different schemes such as "back to back" OGL and buffer imports.

(b) The main factors responsible for shortfall in production are severe restriction in power supply and inadequate availability of coking coal to the steel plants.

(c) and (d). Contrary to the trend in the first six months of the year, the actual production of 4.06 lakh tonnes of saleable steel during October, 1980 was marginally higher than the production in the same month last year. Power shortage, however, continues to be a serious impediment to increased production.

(e) Some of the important steps taken by Government to achieve increased production of steel includes import of coking coal, maximisation of power generation from the captive units in the steel plants, close and constant liaison with input supplying agencies, regular monitoring of power and coal position at various levels; schemes for additional captive power generation facilities at Durgapur and Bokaro.

**Appointment of committee of experts on working of Public Enterprises**

1756. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have appointed a committee of experts to examine the working of the public enterprises in Coal, Steel, Shipping and Fertilizers;

(b) if so, who are its members;

(c) the scope and objects of the committee; and

(d) when the committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee consists of:—

- (i) Shri Mohd. Fazal,  
Member Planning  
Commission . . . . . Chairman
- (ii) Shri K.S. Rajan, Director General Technical Development & Secretary, Department of Technical Development, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi . . . . . Member
- (iii) Dr. L.K. Behl, Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Drug & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., New Delhi . . . . . Member
- (iv) Shri P.K. Basu, Director General, Bureau of Public Enterprises and Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure) . . . . . Member-Secretary

(c) The Committee has been required to identify, inter-alia the steps necessary to improve performance of the public enterprises and to draw up a time-bound action programme directed to:

- (i) ensuring maximum utilisation of installed capacity;
- (ii) ensuring adequate control of operational costs;
- (iii) improvement of preventive and predictive maintenance of plant and equipment; and
- (iv) improvement in management and operational efficiency.

(d) The Committee's Report on Coal India and its subsidiaries has since been received and is currently under Government's consideration. It is expected that the Committee would complete its work within a year of its constitution (Committee constituted on 12th August 1980) and submit its Reports on other sectors from time to time as and when they are completed.

#### Five Point plan to contain inflation

1757. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a five point plan to contain inflation in the country;

(b) if so, whether one of the measures is dear money and a dividend freeze for two years;

(c) if so, what are the other anti-inflationary measures under consideration; and

(d) when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) to (d). Government keeps the price situation under constant surveillance and remedial measures are taken in the light of emerging situation. Broadly, the strategy in this regard consists of (i) strengthening the public distribution system; (ii) increasing production; (iii) augmenting domestic supplies through imports; (iv) restraining undue expansion in money supply and bank credit; and (v) curbing anti-social activities such as hoarding and profiteering.

#### बैंक नोट प्रेस, देवास में करेंसी नोटों की चोरी

1758. श्री फूल चन्द्र वर्मा : क्या बि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करें कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो मध्य प्रदेश स्थित बैंक नोट प्रेस, देवास में हुई करेंसी नोटों की चोरी

की जांच कर रहा है और क्या प्रेस के बरिष्ठ अधिकारियों के घरों की तलाशियाँ आदि की गई हैं ?

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में विस्तृत जानकारी क्या है ; और

(ग) बैंक नोट प्रेस देवास से अब तक कितने मूल्य के करेंसी नोट चोरी हुए हैं और तत्संबंधी पूर्ण ब्योरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपबन्धी (श्री मंगल-बाई बारोट) :

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न उपस्थित नहीं होता।

(ग) अब तक बैंक नोट प्रेस देवास से चुराए गए करेंसी नोटों का कुल मूल्य केवल 1700 रुपए है, जिसमें से 50 रुपए मूल्य के 4 नोट के 5-11-1976 को गुम होने की रिपोर्ट की गई और 8-1-78 को यह पता चला कि 100 रुपए के मूल्य के 15 नोट कम है । इसके अलावा 50 रुपए के मूल्य के 28 नोटों की बिना नम्बरों की छपी हुई एक शीट का गुम होने का पता 8-2-80 को और एक 100 रुपए के मूल्य के बिना नम्बर के छपे हुए नोट के गुम होने का पता 27-9-80 को चला. इन नोटों का सांकेतिक मूल्य कुल 1500 रुपए होगा । प्रत्येक मामले में जांच किए जाने पर भी गुम हुए नोट बरामद नहीं हो पाए ।

#### Supply of iron ore to Pakistan

1759. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been entered into with Pakistan for the supply of iron ore to that country;

(b) if so, the quantity of iron ore to be supplied to Pakistan under the agreement; and

(c) on what terms and conditions?