

PRANAB MUKHERJEE: (a) The rated capacity of IISCO is 1.00 million tonnes of ingot steel per annum. As per MECON's assessment made in April, 1978, the achievable capacity was estimated at 0.983 million tonnes per annum.

(b) and (c). The cost of production does not necessarily go down with an increase in capacity if investment on additional land, equipment, technology and down stream facilities is high.

Concessions to overseas Indians to Invest in Small Savings

3333. **SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:**

**SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY
SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI
RAHI:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to extend some concessions to overseas Indians as an incentive to attract them to invest in small savings; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the scheme of Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) No concrete proposals in this regard are under consideration of Union Government, at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Installation of Oxygen Plant in IISCO

3395. **SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for installation of Oxygen Plant in IISCO;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The precise requirement of oxygen in their Burnpur Works on the basis of changes that can take place in future in the furnances and the converters, it at present under consideration of the Indian Iron and Steel Company.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

News "Tourism Minister to fly past warning"

3396. **SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to news appearing in "Times of India" (Bombay) dated 9th January, 1981 captioned "Tourism Minister to fly past warning";

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to discontinue the Air India flights to Australia; and

(c) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Expansion of IISCO

3397. **SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government for expansion of IISCO; and

(b) if so, when the work is expected to start?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.