

Expansion Programme of Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plant

797. SHRI B. D. SINGH:

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the revised assessment the estimated cost of the expansion of Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants is likely to go up substantially due to further delay in the completion of the expansion programme;

(b) if so, the circumstances under which the expansion programme in respect of these Steel Plants is not likely to be completed according to the scheduled and the estimated rise in the cost of completion as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to remove the bottlenecks, if any, and the period by which the expansion programme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). On account of slippages in certain areas mainly due to factors such as delays in the supply of equipment by major suppliers and of fabricated structures by the Consortium, severe power cuts affecting adversely civil construction and structural erection at site and periodical shortages of cement and diesel etc., there have been further delays in the construction schedule of the expansion of Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants to 4 million tonnes stage each as indicated below:—

	Approved Commissioning Date	Likely date of commissioning
Bhilai	31st December, 1981	October, 1982
Bokaro	June, 1979 except Cold Rolling Mill	September, 1982
Bokaro Cold Rolling Mill	December, 1982	September, 1983

The sanctioned cost estimates (based in 1974 prices) and the revised estimated cost of the expansion of Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants are indicated below:—

(Rs. in crores)

	Sanctioned	Revised
Bhilai	937.70	1459.70
Bokaro	947.24	1279.47

The progress of the construction work of the Projects is frequently reviewed by the Plants, Steel Authority of India Limited and Department of Steel to impress upon the agencies to take necessary measures to adhere to the committed schedules. The concerned Ministries/Organisations are

also approached for assistance for overcoming shortages in input supplies.

Non-utilisation of full capacity by Aluminium industry

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SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:

SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of shortfall, if any, in the capacity utilisation by the