

### Long term Planning for Steel

1607. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are finalising a strategy on long-terms planning for steel to project the demand and availability over the decade to meet the estimated demands and even create some surpluses, wherever possible; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of this and how much production is proposed to be allocated to the public and private sector steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) & (b). Yes, Sir. In the Report submitted in October, 1980 by the Working Group on Iron and Steel, 1980-85 set up by the Planning Commission, the demand and availability of finished steel in the two terminal years of the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans, i.e., 1984-85 and 1989-90 have been projected as under:—

( Figures in million tonnes)

	1984-85	1989-90
Demand	12.700	18.400
Availability	11.395	16.796

2. In order to achieve the above production levels, emphasis has been laid on expeditious completion of the expansion, modernisation and replacement programmes of the operating plants, technological improvements with a view to reduce cost of production and to achieve higher productivity, and creation of new capacity at green-field sites.

3. The proposed production in the Public and Private Sector Integrated Steel Plants in terms of saleable steel during 1984-85 and 1989-90 have been estimated as follows :—

(Figures in million tonnes.)

	1984-85		1989-90	
	Capacity	Output	Capacity	Output
Public Sector	9.561	8.110	16.402	13.900
Private Sector	1.740	1.600	1.764	1.680
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.301</b>	<b>9.710</b>	<b>18.166</b>	<b>15.580</b>

This production level would be further supplemented with the increased production from Electric Arc Furnance Units.

### Take over of Swadeshi Cotton Mills Co. Ltd.

1608. SHRI BHUSAHEB THORAT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations of workers of Swadeshi Cotton Mills Co. Ltd. urging in public and workers interest immediate Nationalisation (and/or wholesale takes-over) of all the six textile units its assets and properties as also of Swadeshi Mining and manufacturing Co. Limited (97 percent subsidiary) cwning two sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter to safeguard workers' and public interest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN) : (a) & (b). Government have received representations urging nationalisation of the textile units of the Swadeshi Cotton Mills Co. Ltd., the management of which was taken over under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 in 1978. The Government action of take-over was challenged by the erstwhile owners, initially in the Delhi High Court and subsequently in the Supreme Court. In its decision of 13th January, 1981, the Supreme Court has directed Government to give a hearing to the aggrieved owner.

### Branches of Nationalised Banks in West Bengal

1609. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of branches of the nationalised banks functioning in Midnapur District in West Bengal ; and

(b) total deposits received during the year 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81 to date and percentage of advances to the deposits in the same district ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANEHAI BAROT) : (a) As at the end of