

Shortage of Accommodation in building of C.D.A. Patna

2807. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of accommodation in the present building of C.D.A. at Patna.

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to construct a building of its own at Patna;

(c) if so, the progress made in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that construction of the building has abnormally been delayed;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA):

(a) There is shortage of office accommodation of the order of about 12 per cent, which cannot be termed as acute.

(b) and (c). A new building is proposed to be constructed for which demolition work of certain existing structures on site has been taken up.

(d) to (f). Alternate accommodation for some Defence Offices located in the old structures at the proposed site had to be found. Hence there has been some delay in starting construction work. Part of these have since been vacated and efforts

are being made to get the remaining also vacated.

Starting of Silicon Projects in Rourkela Steel Plants

2808. SHRI CHRISTOPHER EKKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some silicon projects have been started in Rourkela Steel Plant,

(b) their number and estimated cost;

(c) the expected time of their completion, and

(d) the details about the names of the foreign countries and Companies which have collaborated in these two projects?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). One Silicon Steel Project is under construction in the Rourkela Steel Plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 109.73 crores.

(c) The project is now expected to be completed by December, 1982.

(d) Armco Steel Corporation (Armco), Middletown, Ohio, USA was involved in the preparation of the master plan for setting up of the Cold Rolled Silicon Steel Plant.

In the actual construction, the following foreign companies are giving assistance in the areas indicated against them:—

Foreign Companies

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Areas of assistance

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(a) Aetna, USA (i) Annealing and pickling lines

(ii) Carlite line

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(b) Stamco, USA	(i) Build up and straightening line
	(ii) Repair & straightening line
	(iii) Cut to length line
	(iv) Slitter-I
	(v) Slitter-II
(c) Salem Furnaces, USA	Box Annealing Furnace
(d) Krebs, France	Water Electrolysis Plant
(e) Vac Metal, W. Germany	VAR
(f) Wean United, USA	* (i) Decarb Line
	* (ii) Tandem Annealing Line
(g) Stein Surface, France	* Reheating Furnaces

*Main order placed on the Engineering Projects of India Limited, who have collaboration agreements with the foreign suppliers.

Karnataka's Demand for more steel

2809. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sent a representation for allotment of more steel for completion of projects in the State; and

(b) If so the details thereof and reaction of Government to it?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). A letter has been received from the Karnataka Government regarding shortages of iron and steel materials affecting the industries in the State. These are at present being distributed according to the Guidelines evolved by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC). There is no State-wise allocations according to these Guidelines. There is some shortage in respect of pig iron as well as a few categories of Steel. However, the import policy in respect of such categories is quite

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liberal and it should be possible to cover the gap between indigenous production and demand by imports.

Expenditure on Deputations and Delegations going Abroad

2810. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to prune drastically the expenditure on deputations and delegations going abroad;

(b) if so, the curbs on overseas jaunts thus imposed;

(c) whether any check is at present being exercised over the foreign jaunts of private industrialists and executives of large industrial houses: if so, what;

(d) whether they are having as much exchange released by the Reserve Bank as they need and there is no limit to their travels abroad; and

(e) whether he proposes to instruct the Reserve Bank to scrutinise