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Increase in production of steel in Public Sector

1907. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA. Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had considerable increase in the production of steel in the public sector; and

(b) if so, whether possibilities of exporting steel are also being explored?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The overall production of saleable steel in the integrated steel plants in

the public sector during the first four months of the current financial year, 1981-82, i.e., during April—July, 1981, has shown an increase of 3.98 lakh tonnes (30.7 per cent) as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, i.e., April—July, 1980

(b) The position regarding availability of exportable surplus in the context of domestic demand and production is kept under constant review. In view of the past shortages, it is rather too early to take a view in regard to export of steel.

Nationalisation of Import and Export Business of Diamonds

1908 SHRI BHEERAVADAN K. GADHAVI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in import of rough diamonds and export of cut and polished diamonds there exists a racket and black-money operation; and

(b) whether Government propose to nationalise import and export business of diamonds or to regulate it through State Trading Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Government have no such information.

(b) There is no proposal to canalise import and export of diamonds through a public sector agency. Steps are, however, taken to expand the role of public sector agencies in this trade.

Completion of Calicut Airport

1909. SHRI A. A. RAHIM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) by what time the Calicut Airport is expected to be completed; and

(b) considering the traffic intensity, will this be a regular airport with all facilities for passengers?