

(ख) और (ग) . 222 कांस्टेबल (ड्राइवरों) में से किसी ने बी हैड कांस्टेबलों (ड्राइवरों) के पद पर पदोन्नति के लिए 4-1-1982 को हुई परीक्षा नहीं दी । 518 में से चौदह हैड कांस्टेबलों ने 21 जनवरी 1982 में परीक्षा दी और 209 में से 10 सहायक सब-इंस्पेक्टरों ने फरवरी, 1982 में परीक्षा दी । प्रशासन इस संबंध में की जाने वाली कार्यवाही की जांच कर रहा है ।

Direct reduction processes for making steel at Salem with Neyveli Lignite

7726. SHRI S. T. QUADRI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering direct reduction processes for making of steel at Salem with Neyveli Lignite; if so, is the iron ore available in Salem suitable for direct reduction process;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposal of making of steel at Salem was given up after detailed project report was prepared in 1974 and if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken certain decisions of making raw material required by Salem Steel by utilising the existing facilities in the present integrated steel plants; if so, how much investments have been made on this account in other steel plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It was decided to implement Stage I of the Project consisting of Cold Rolling of Stainless Steel Sheets as envisaged in the DPR and implement the 2nd Stage, i.e., steel making and hot rolling of stainless steel sheets after adequate experience had been gained in cold rolling. The developments in the field of Direct Reduction technology have also opened up several possibilities that had not been envisaged in the DPR prepared in 1974.

(c) The modernisation and Stage II expansion of the ASP, Durgapur at an estimated cost of Rs. 65.98 crores inter alia envisages production of stainless steel slabs for hot rolling at Bokaro Steel Plant. These hot rolled coils will be supplied to Salem Plant for cold rolling. This includes Rs. 1.15 crores for facilities provided at Salem Steel Plant and Rs. 0.65 crores for know-how/facilities at Bokaro Steel Plant.

Less allotment of PIG iron to Punjab

7727. SHRI L. S. TUR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab State which has installed capacity of about 1.9 MTs of pig iron was allocated hardly 6 per cent of its requirement for the Foundry Industry;

(b) whether in view of the serious shortage affecting economic running of the industry, the Joint Plant Committee would be advised to increase this meagre allotment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even this meagre allotment is not reaching Punjab due to bottlenecks in Steel Authority of India Ltd; and