

The French consultants of the project have supplied the documents covering know-how and basic engineering data, as per schedule. Detailed engineering is in progress in Engineers India Limited (EIL)—the prime Indian Engineering Consultants. Action has been initiated for procurement of equipment, construction material, acquisition of land, etc. Civil construction in respect of the technological sections of the project is expected to start after the ensuing monsoon. The project is, by and large, on schedule and is expected to be commissioned during 1985-86.

## *II. Port based Steel Plant at Paradeep.*

On the basis of examination of meteorological data, the Government have decided to locate the second new steel plant in Orissa in the Daitari region, about 120 kms. from Paradeep. Negotiations are in progress with M/s. Davy Mackee for finalising the technical specifications, as well as commercial and financial terms for setting up of the plant.

The annual production capacity of the plant is planned to be 1.5 million tonnes. The employment potential will be known on completion of the negotiations with M/s. Davy Mackee.

To implement the project a wholly Central Government owned company by the name of 'Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited', has been formed.

### **Tours by Managing Director, Rourkela Steel Plant**

8801. SHRI R.P. SARANGI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of days of tour of the Managing Director,

Rourkela Steel Plant between 1 October, 1980 to 31 October, 1981;

(b) the total salaries and TA/DA paid to him during the above period;

(c) the number of his visits to Bombay and Delhi respectively during the period at (a) above ;

(d) whether it is a fact that a hot line exists between the corporate office and its subsidiaries to help instant conversion between them ; and

(e) if so, whether the frequent tours of Managing Director to Delhi were justified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA) : (a) and (c). During October 1980 to October, 1981, Managing Director, Rourkela Steel Plant was on tour for 95 days. He visited Bombay and Delhi 7 and 28 times respectively during the above period.

(b) The salaries, TA and DA for the above mentioned period were as under :

	Rs.
(i) Salary	49,632.00
(ii) T.A.	59,276.98
(iii) D.A.	16,226.25
(iv) Expenses on foreign tour	14,512.00

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The above tours were undertaken by Managing Director, Rourkela Steel Plant in the interest of company's work.