

**Foreign collaboration for setting up  
Steel Industry**

7273. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total anticipated investment in steel sectors both in private and public sectors during Sixth Plan period and the investments made during the year 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 (upto end of February); the details thereof ;

(b) the number of new steel plants proposed to be installed during the remaining period of Sixth Plan with details ; and

(c) whether there is any collaboration proposal under consideration of Government for establishment of steel industry with any foreign country, with details ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) The details are as under :

	OUTLAY IN SIXTH PLAN.	RS. CRORES ACTUAL EXPENDITURE		
		1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Public Sector Steel Plants.	3719.72	666.72	730.14	680.17 (upto Feb. 1983)
Private Sector (TISCO)		52.50	115.60	142.00 (estimated for full year).

(b) A steel plant with a capacity of 3.4 million tonnes of liquid steel is under construction at Visakhapatnam.

In addition, proposals for construction of two new plants, one in Orissa and the other at Vijayanagar in Karnataka are under consideration. Details of these projects have yet to be finally decided.

(c) No, Sir.

**Ocean Mining**

7274. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any country is carrying on deep sea mining in Indian Ocean and if so, the specific areas ;

(b) whether India is going ahead with its own technology in Polymetallic Nodules programme or it is receiving any technological know-how from abroad ;

(c) is there any foreign agreement or collaboration in this field ; and

(d) when our deep see mining programme is scheduled to take place ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN

DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) As far as our knowledge goes, no country is carrying out deep sea mining in the Indian Ocean.

(b) India is going on its own for the exploration of polymetallic nodules. We have made significant progress in the survey and analysis of the data.

(c) No Sir, there is no foreign agreement or collaboration in this field.

(d) The mining programme can be started only after the exploration of the area has been completed.

**Delivery of Research Vessel "Sagar Kanya"**

7275. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the research vessel named Sagar Kanya had been delivered to India according to the time schedule ; and

(b) the details of the agreement with the Government of West Germany ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes Sir, the Research Vessel

named Sagar Kanya has been delivered to India according to time schedule.

(b) This ship has been acquired under a soft loan of the order of 60 million DM and 20.42 DM as a grant from the Federal Republic of Germany. The total cost including the scientific equipment is 80.42 Million DM.

#### Mid-Team Appraisal of Sixth Plan

7276. SHRI B.V. DESAI: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sixth Five Year Plan will fall short of the targeted growth rate of 5.2 per cent per annum due to a lag in planned investment;

(b) if so, whether a survey was conducted by the Economic Division of the Birla Institute of Scientific Research on a midterm appraisal of the Sixth Plan;

(c) if so, whether Government have received the report and examined it;

(d) if so, whether according to the Study Report the most disturbing feature of the Plan is a slowly growing agricultural sector; and

(e) what are the other factors that were responsible for the fall in the growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) According to the ECONOMIC SURVEY for 1982-83, the average real rate of annual growth during the first three years of the Sixth Plan is estimated at about 5% which is fairly close to the target set in the Sixth Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government has received a copy of the report referred to.

(d) The report states "that in spite of all the investments that have been made, agricultural output during the first three years of the Plan has stagnated at the peak levels attained during the Fifth Plan..."

(e) As stated in reply to (a) above, the average real rate of growth over the first three years of the VI Plan was about 5%.

#### Visit of French Exploratory Team for modernisation of industries

7277. SHRI B.V. DESAI: Will the

Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a French Exploratory Team for industrial modernisation visited India during the month of November, 1982 to identify areas in the Indian industry which can be modernised with French assistance;

(b) if so, whether any report has been submitted by them after survey;

(c) whether the French have stated clearly that they do not have anything to offer to small scale sector;

(d) if so, the industries that will be revamped with the help and aid of the French Government;

(e) whether any final agreement in this regard has been reached; and

(f) if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (f) A team of French experts visited India in November 1982 to examine possibilities of Indo-French collaboration in the field of industrial modernisation. The delegation was sponsored by the French Board for External Trade. The team visited some industrial establishments in the country and held discussion on the scope for French participation in their modernisation. No report has been submitted to the Government by the team. No intimation has been given that the French have nothing to offer to the Small Scale Sector. It is for the concerned industrial units, with whom the French held discussions, to come up with proposals for collaboration, if any. No agreement between the Government and the French side is envisaged in the matter.

#### India's assistance to Nepal for setting up of electronic units

7278. SHRI B.V. DESAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal has sought India's assistance in setting up of electronic units in that country, especially for watches, calculators and radios;

(b) if so, whether any scheme in this regard has been prepared with the help of the Nepal Government; and

(c) if so, the details of the same and by