

result of insanitary conditions in the rural areas has not been found to be significant.

Setting up of A Steel Plant in Goa

518. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1964 M/s. Dastur & Co., Central Government's consultant in Steel Plant matters recommended Goa as the most suitable site for the fourth Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, the action by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) M/s. Dastur & Co. had, in their Preliminary report made in January 1964 on establishment of iron and steel works in the Goa-Hospet area, concluded that both Goa and Hospet were suitable for setting up of steel plants.

(b) There is no proposal before the Government for setting up a steel plant at Goa. Government have already decided to set up the Vijayanagar Steel Plant which may utilise iron ore of Hospet region.

मंडल आयोग का प्रतिवेदन

519. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :

श्री रामविलास पासवान : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने पिछड़े वर्गों के आरक्षण के बारे में मंडल आयोग के प्रतिवेदन को ध्यान में रखकर निर्णय करने का निर्णय किया है :

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) इस बारे में अनुचित विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री निहार रंजन लास्कर) (क) से (घ) श्री बी. पी. मंडल की अध्यक्षता में स्थापित किये गये दूसरे पिछड़े वर्ग आयोग के प्रतिवेदन पर भारत सरकार राज्यों और मंडल शासित क्षेत्रों के साथ परामर्श करके विचार कर रही है।

Eradication of Regional Imbalance in the Sixth Plan Period

520. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the policies and programmes adopted by Government during the Sixth Plan period to eradicate the regional imbalance in the country;

(b) whether the States/Union Territories have prepared the schemes and programmes as per the guidelines from the Planning Commission and made adequate provision during the annual plans of Sixth Plan;

(c) if so, the names of the regions where these schemes and programmes are extended by the States, State-wise details thereof; and

(d) funds provided by the Centre and States for the eradication of imbalance during annual plans?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The problem of regional imbalance is sought to be tackled in the Sixth Plan through various measures. At the Central level, the following policies and programmes are adopted:

(i) Resource transfers;

(ii) Special Area Development programme directed at specific backward problem areas; and