

(c) The Rourkela Steel Plant is producing API quality steel for its pipe plant. The possibility of this plant as well as the Bokaro Steel Plant manufacturing API quality steel for sale, is being explored.

(d) The current main constraints in production are the restrictions in the supply of power and poor quality and inadequate availability and quality of indigenous coking coal. Efforts are being made to ensure regular supply of power and coking coal in close co-operation with the supplying organisations. The steel plants are also making efforts to maximise their own captive power generation. As a long term measure, additional captive power generating units are being established in Bokaro, Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur.

In addition, the following measures have been taken at the plant level for improving productivity :—

- (i) Adherence to the repair and maintenance schedule both preventive maintenance as well as capital repairs, resulting in improved equipment availability utilisation.
- (ii) Adherence to technological regimes in the equipment operation and systematic follow up of the techno-economic parameters.
- (iii) Creation of awareness of the need for improving productivity by inter-action between management and workers through seminars, workshops, etc.
- (iv) Regular discussions regarding productivity with trade unions at Plants level and corporate level.
- (v) Regular inter-action between the Plant and the R&D Centre resulting in a number of measure for effecting economy in fuel consumption, improvement in the yields at different stages of production, etc.

B.H.E.L. Unit for manufacturing Electrical Panels in Corbett National Park

1826. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited has set up a unit for manufacturing electrical panels right in the heart of Corbett National Park; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) BHEL have not set up any new manufacturing unit in the Corbett National Park. The Company have commenced assembly of electrical pannels at the diesel power house shed already existing at Kalagarh. The unit was started on the recommendation of the State Government that use of the existing workshop by BHEL would give impetus to the development of the region.

Setting up of Disaster Relief Organisation for Fire affected people in Delhi

1827. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of fire that recently occurred in a highrise building the capital recently, Government propose to set up a disaster relief organisation to improve and coordinate the efforts of different departments and agencies to get the effective help for the disaster stricken people and arrange relief needs;

(b) whether the present arrangement to assess relief of needs of a situation hit by a disaster are not satisfactory and there is delay between the request for emergency assistance and the delivery of the technical help and relief supplies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. In the wake of experience gained during the two devastating fire accidents which took place in Delhi recently, it was felt that no individual Department/Agency, by itself, could handle effectively a grave situation involving danger to life and/or destruction of property on large scale. Accordingly a scheme for disaster relief devising a well coordinated plan and laying down the sequence of steps to be taken by various Departments//Agencies and to regulate the relief efforts has been drawn up. The scheme envisages constitution of a set-up which would be headed by an Apex Body comprising the Chief Secretary, Delhi Administration, and two other senior Officers. Below this Body will be an Operational Group comprising representatives of various Departments/Agencies. Apart from this, there will be a Mobile Field Control Room which will be managed by a Police Officer of the rank of Deputy Commissioner.

Protection from Hazards at X-Ray Units

1828 SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the hazards exposed by the diagnostic radiological units;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure adequate protection measures in the places where the 'X' ray units have been set up; and

(c) the details of the programmes of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The diagnostic X-ray units have several built in safety features. These units are taken care of and used properly.

They do not present any significant hazards.

(b) and (c) The following steps are taken by the division of Radiological Protection, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre to ensure that no hazards is presented by the units:—

- (1) Division of Radiological protection conducts training programmes for the radiologists, technicians and medical physicists on the safety in the use of ionizing radiations including X-rays.
- (2) Regular surveys are conducted in the country to ensure the safe use of X-rays.
- (3) personnel monitoring of the radiologists and technicians is carried out with the help of special film badges.

Setting up of lead factory in Orissa

1829. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa have requested his Ministry to set up a lead factory at Sargipal in the State:

(b) If so, when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The total ore reserves at the Sargipalli Lead Mine are estimated at 2.06 million tonnes with 6.7% Lead and 0.03% copper. The project envisages production of 500 tonnes of ore per day equivalent of 6560 tonnes of lead metal per annum. The life of the mine is only 14 years.