

**Setting Up a Smelter Plant to Process Rare Tin Ore**

2914. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Atomic Energy Commission is setting up a plant at Raipur as a prelude to setting up of a smelter plant to process rare tin ore;

(b) if so, whether the large deposits of the ore have been found in Bastar district in M.P.;

(c) whether a team of senior State officials recently visited Bombay to finalise the arrangements for the processing of the tin ore;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the officials of the Atomic Energy Commission had recently visited Raipur to supervise the arrangements for the plant;

(e) if so; the details of the same; and

(f) by what time the plant is likely to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) The Department of Atomic Energy has agreed to set up a Demonstration Plant at Raipur based on technology developed by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre for extracting tin from cassiterite ore.

(b) Yes, Sir. Deposits of tin estimated in Bastar district can be commercially exploited.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. There has been exchange of visits by the officials of the Department of Atomic Energy and Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. As a result of these visits the Department of Atomic Energy has agreed to set up a Demonstration Plant for extracting tin from cassiterite ore.

(e) and (f) The Demonstration Plant would have a capacity of two tonnes per annum and it would be set up soon.

**Change in Pattern of Production of Steel Plants**

2915. SHRI K. PRADHANI :  
SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked the Steel Plants to change their pattern of production so that the plants are able to sell what they produce or produce only those items which they can sell; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the necessity of change in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The production plans of integrated steel plants of Steel Authority of India Limited are more market oriented. These plants have been told to sell what they produce and to produce what they can sell. This has been done in view of large stocks of steel and with a view to import substitution.

**Ancillary Industries Around Bokaro Steel Plant**

2917. SHRI A.K. ROY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) number of ancillary industries developed around Bokaro Steel Plant, facts in detail;

(b) amount of materials purchased by the Bokaro Steel Limited from those industries in the last three years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Bokaro Steel Ltd., is neglecting the ancillary industries in the matter of giving orders ?