

**Setting up of a Steel Plant in Purulia  
(West Bengal)**

642. SHRI ROBIN SEN :  
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU :

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

(a) whether Government are considering the setting up of a steel plant at Purulia in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Government are not considering setting up any large integrated steel plant in Purulia but an application for an industrial licence for a small alloy steel plant, based on electric furnace, is under Government's consideration.

(b) The plant, if approved, would be for alloy steel strips & wire rods other than stainless and heat resistant steel strips & wire rods, of roughly about 25000 tonnes capacity in terms of billets.

अवतिका' और मेहता प्रिंटिंग प्रेस, उज्जैन के कर्मचारियों की कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि

643. श्री हुकम चन्द कच्छवाय : क्या कम और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उज्जैन स्थित दैनिक 'अवतिका' और मेहता प्रिंटिंग प्रेस में कुल कितने कर्मचारी काम कर रहे हैं और उनमें से कितने कर्मचारी स्थायी हैं; और

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक कर्मचारी के लिये भविष्य निधि को कितनी राशि सरकार के पास जमा की गई और अभी कितनी राशि बकाया है ?

कम और पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री जार० के० शिलकर) : भविष्य निधि प्रधिकार्यों में इस प्रकार सूचित किया है :—

(क) दैनिक 'अवतिका' और 'मेहता प्रिंटिंग प्रेस' कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि और

परिवार पेंशन निधि अधिनियम, 1952 के अन्तर्गत नहीं आते। अतः मांग, गई सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Distribution of Iron and Steel in  
Kerala**

644 SHRIMATI BHARGAVI  
THANKAPPAN :  
SHRI N. SREEKANTAN  
NAIR :

Will the MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the broad principles adopted for the distribution of Iron and Steel to each State for its own purpose;

(b) whether due to the non-availability of sufficient quantity of iron and steel materials in Kerala, construction works in the State are badly delayed; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to increase the quota and give full supply of allotted quota to the Kerala State in time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (c). Under the present distribution system there is no statewide allocation. Allocations of steel are regulated by the Steel Priority Committee taking into account the end use for which steel is required, the availability and competing demands.

Steel supplies to Small Scale Industries all over the country are at present mostly routed through the respective State Small Scale Industries Corporations. The Corporation make their assessment of the requirements of the units in their States and place their consolidated demands on the Joint Plant Committee. The material received is distributed by the Corporations through their depots.

Steel is also supplied to Small Scale units from the stockyards of the main steel producers on the recommendations of the State Director of Industries.

(b) There is a general shortage of steel and this shortage to some extent is also being experienced in the State of Kerala.