

Export of Screws to Russia

712. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

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

(a) whether the Soviet Union propose to supply India with 5,000 tonnes of steel to be turned into screws and re-exported to that country;

(b) whether the supply of steel would be over and above the quantity that India would import from Russia under the trade plan for the current year; and

(c) whether India proposes to import 70,000 tonnes of rolled steel products from Moscow this year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). A suggestion was made by the Soviet side during the recent Trade Plan discussions that they would be prepared to purchase 5,000 tonnes of Screws from India and to supply 5,000 tonnes of Steel to India over and above the provisions made in the Trade Plan.

(c) Provision for import of 70,000 tonnes of rolled steel has been made in the Trade Plan for the year 1972.

Supply of Steel to Small Industry Corporations for distribution to Small Scale Industries

713. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :
SHRI PURSHOTTAM KAKODKAR :

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

(a) whether Government propose to provide steel to Small Industry Corporations at concessional price for distribution to small scale industries at the same price as to other steel consumers; and

(b) if so, how far this decision will help the small scale industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Additional Investments in Rourkela Steel Plant

714. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :

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

(a) whether an additional investment of Rs. 30 crores has been recommended for the Rourkela Steel Plant by the Action Committee appointed by Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). The Action Committee is of the view that there are organisational and technical deficiencies which hamper the management's effort to achieve the rated production capacity and has formulated a programme, costing approximately this amount, to eliminate these deficiencies and thereby to enable the plant to reach the rated capacity soon.

Setting up of Iron Ore Board

715. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :
SHRI ARVIND NETAM :

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

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an Iron Ore Board on the lines of the Coffee Board, Tea Board and Coir Board; and

(b) if so, main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). Government have decided to set up an Iron Ore Board. It will be a non-statutory and non-commercial organisation for the present. The principal functions of the Board will be :—

(a) to act as the Central Policy Planning and development agency on all aspects of development of iron ore deposits in the country;

(b) to prepare perspective plans for the development and conservation of iron ore resources and to ensure effective implementation;