

time-limit. When such extension is granted, he can select a vehicle of the same type in lieu of the one selected by him earlier.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Change in Traffic pattern in the Country**

5197. SHRIMATI PREMALLABAI CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to change over the traffic pattern in India from left hand side to right hand side of the road in the near future.

(b) if so, whether any study has been undertaken to determine the feasibility and expenditure involved; and

(c) whether Government are aware that India is among the very few countries that still follow left hand drive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) There is no such proposal before Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes.

#### **HSL Policy in regard to autonomy to Steel Plants**

5198. SHRI CHANDRA SHAILANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised their policy of giving autonomy to the Steel Plants;

(b) whether the Hindustan Steel Limited Head Office will continue to function despite the fact that all its functions have been taken over by SAIL; and

(c) how much economy will be effected by abolishing HSL Head Office?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The question of restructuring Hindustan Steel Limited in the context of the establishment of Steel Authority of India is presently under examination by Government

#### **Eradication of Rabies from the Country**

5199. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the statement of the D.G.H.S. regarding eradication of rabies from the country within three months; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) and (b). The Director General of Health Services had stated that rabies could be eradicated from the country if he had the authority to catch all the stray dogs and destroy them and to register all pet dogs and compulsorily immunize them. The State Governments and local bodies are advised from time to time to take action on the above lines.

#### **Achievement of Steel Production during 1973 and 1974**

5200. DR. K. L. RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the actual achievement of steel production per year now i.e., 1973 and 1974;

(b) the demand of steel estimated for the next ten years;