

**Exploitation of lime stone and
Bauxite Deposits in M.P.**

1550. SHRI R. V. BADE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have decided to exploit in public sector the large area bearing lime stone and bauxite deposits in M.P. State; and

(b) whether Government have started work in these areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pakistan Defence Expenditure

1551. SHRI R. S. PANDEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported overspending on defence by Pakistan Government; and

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

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) According to our information, Pakistan is now spending about 51.4 per cent of its total revenue expenditure on defence which also amounts to about 9 per cent of its G.N.P. Her budgeted defence expenditure is reported to have increased from Rs. 340 crores in 1971-72 to Rs. 557.90 crores in 1974-75.

(b) All related developments bearing on our security are kept under constant review.

Proposed Steel Plant at Visakhapatnam

1552. SHRI R. S. PANDEY:
SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have a second thought on installing the proposed steel plant at Visakhapatnam in near future; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

**Mosquito fever poses danger
to India**

1558. SHRI R. S. PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in a local daily dated the 2nd September 1974 under the caption 'Mosquito fever poses danger to India'; 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) Yes, the news item pertains to dengue haemorrhagic fever.

(b) There have been occasional outbreaks of Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever in certain urban areas in the country during the last decade. These outbreaks are attributed to Aedes mosquitoes which are the vectors generally breeding in artificial collection of water in the households. The State/ Union Territory Governments have been advised to take effective source reduction measures by elimination of such breeding places.

Export of Ships to Britain

1554. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN:
SHRI NAVAL KISHORE
SHARMA:
SHRI DHAMANKAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export ships to Britain; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) and (b). A U.K. firm had shown interest in placing orders for five vessels of 18,000 GRT/21,500 DWT (approx.) each commonly known as Pioneer, class vessels and had held some discussions with Hindustan Shipyard in this connection. No final decision has yet been taken in this matter.

Recovery of Missing Telescope of Chandipur Proof and Establishment House

1555. **SHRI ARJUN SETHI:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the missing long range sophisticated telescope of Chandipur Proof and Establishment House, Orissa has been recovered;

(b) if so, the number of persons caught red handed; and

(c) the action taken against them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c). The telescope was recovered by the State Police from the house of an ex-employee of the Proof and Experimental Establishment, Balasore, on the 29th April, 1974. As a result of Police investigations, they have placed charge-sheet against the ex-employee and two serving employees of the Establishment

Advantages of a Mini Steel Plant

1556 **SHRI ARJUN SETHI:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the basic advantages of having a Mini Steel Plant over that of a giant size?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): It is presumed that the information sought

is about the advantage of an electric arc furnace unit based on ferrous scrap as feedstock over an integrated iron and steel plant processing iron ore. If so, it is clarified that the role of electric arc furnace units is complementary to that of integrated iron and steel plants and their production is principally utilized for the production of bars and rods.

Further, the limitations in the availability of scrap and electric power impose a constraint on the total capacity that can be created in electric arc furnace units. Within these constraints, however, electric arc furnace units have some advantages viz., (i) smaller investment; (ii) a shorter gestation period for full production to be achieved; and (iii) these units can meet certain local requirements and, therefore, impose a lesser strain on the transportation network. Further, all the equipment required for setting up of electric arc furnace units is available within the country.

दिल्ली नगर निगम द्वारा कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि का जमा न किया जाना

1557. श्री मूल सन्ध डामा : क्या भ्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या दिल्ली नगर निगम के कर्मचारियों की एक करोड़ रुपये की राशि को कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि में जमा नहीं किया गया, और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

भ्रम मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री बालगोविन्द वर्मा) (क) और (ख) : भविष्य निधि प्राधिकारियों ने सूचित किया है कि सूचना तत्काल उपलब्ध नहीं है और एकत्र की जा रही है। वह यथा-समय सभा की मेज पर रख दी जायेगी।