

(b) if so, the steps being taken to check the loss and to make it a profit earning concern?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri F. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Rourkela Steel Plant have made a profit of Rs. 35.02 million in the year 1964-65 and Rs. 50.36 million in the year 1965-66 after providing for depreciation and interest on Government loans. The accounts for the year 1966-67 have not yet been finalised.

**Incentive Scheme in Steel Plants in Public Sector**

2018. Shri K. N. Pandey:  
Shri N. P. Yadav:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether some incentive scheme has been introduced in the public sector steel plants; and

(b) if so, how far the said scheme has been able to serve the desired purpose?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme was first introduced in the three Steel Plants under HSL in December, 1961, when production was much below the rated capacity, with a view to step it up. The Scheme greatly helped in raising production and continues to provide an incentive for keeping it at a high level.

**Diesel Locomotives**

2014. Shri N. S. Sharma:  
.. Shri Sharda Nand:  
Shri A. B. Vajpayee:  
Shri Brij Bhushan Lal:  
Shri Shri Gopal Saboo:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of diesel locomotives manufactured at Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi during the

last 2 years and the foreign exchange earned by their export; and

(b) the names of the foreign countries to which these are being exported?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) 94 Diesel Locomotives were manufactured during the last two years (1965-66 and 1966-67) and all of them have been utilised within the country.

(b) Does not arise.

**Coal Washeries at Kathara**

2015. Shri E. Barua: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal-washing at Kathara is going to be completed according to schedule;

(b) whether the washed cost from Kathara washery will be utilised gainfully and if so, how;

(c) whether the total coal of this washery will be kept within the original estimate; and

(d) if not the reasons for the increase?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri F. C. Sethi): (a) Kathara washery is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 1968, as against the earlier expectation of the first quarter of 1966.

(b) Washed coal from Kathara washery is proposed to be supplied to Bhilai and Rourkela Steel Plants.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The reasons for the increase in cost are as follows:

(i) Incorporation of magnetite preparation section as an additional item;

(ii) Increase in the quantum of civil work;