

(c) whether the Government propose to consider their demands;

(d) if so, whether any time-bound programme has been prepared for this purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (f) The licensed porters of Mumbai Central station have requested for provision of adequate resting facility at Mumbai Central Railway station. A rest shelter measuring 36'x24' already exists at the station. There is a proposal for additional shelter for inclusion in future works programmes, if found feasible, subject to availability of funds.

[English]

Implementation of Steel Projects

428. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWASI:
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether near about 20 project of steel sector involving crores of rupees are under various stages of implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for delay in their implementation; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to gear up for speedy implementation of the projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (c) According to information available with the Government at present, 17 steel projects have been sanctioned by the All India Financial Institutions. Of these, 11 projects are under various stages of implementation while others have been commissioned. Details are given in the Statement attached.

Most of these projects are in the private sector. Government, however, reviews the implementation of these projects from time to time. It is noted that delay, if any, in most of the cases are on account of factors such as acquisition of land, financial tie-ups etc.

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of the Unit and Location	Process Route & Prod. Mix	Capacity L. tonnes Sal. Stl.	Investment Rs. Crores	Status/Date of Commissioning
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	NOVA UDYOG LIMITED (Nainital, U.P.)	EAF B&R	2.40	101.40	Closed under BIFB Dec., 93
2.	INDIAN SEAMLESS S&A LTD. (Pune, Maharashtra)	EAF B & R/Seamless Bar	1.50	175.00	In Production Dec, 94
3.	LLOYDS STEEL IND.LTD. (Wardha, Maharashtra)	EAF PLATE/HRC CR/GP/GC	6.00 (SMS Cap:5 LTPA)	1100.00	In Production PLATE/HRC:Oct, 94 CR/GPGC:Dec, 95
4.	ESSAR STEEL LTD. (Hazira, Gujarat)	HBI-EAF HRC	20.00	3933.00	in Production Mar, 96
5.	JINDAL STRIPS LTD. (Raigarh, MP)	DRI-EAF Slab/Billets	4.00 (DRI Cap: 6 LTPA)	600.00	In Production Mar, 96/97
6.	PRAKASH IND. LTD. (Bharuch, Gujarat)	EIF Billets (Plant being shifted to Champa, MP.)	1.20	72.52	Mar, 96
7.	RAJENDER STEEL LTD. (Raipur, MP)	EAF HRC (Part cap:1.7 LRPA Commissioned)	3.00	500.00	Under Impln.
8.	NOVA STEELS (I) LTD. (Bilaspur, MP)	EAF WR/B & R	2.00	140.00	Under Impln,
9.	MALVIKA STEEL LTD. (Jagdishpur, UP)	BF-BOF B & R /WR (BFs Commissioned, producing pig iron)	6.00	1532.50	Under Impln. Dec., 1997

1	2	3	4	5	6
10.	JINDAL V.NAGA ST.LTD. (Bellary, Karnataka)	COREX-BOF HRC	15.70 HSM:Commissioned	4138.00 Corex-1: Mar, 98 Corex-2: Sep, 98. Pellet:Dec, 98.	Under Impln. (Aug,97) SMS:Jun, 98
11.	SOUTHERN I & S CO. LTD. (Salem,Tamil Nadu)	BF-EOF B & R,WR (BF & SP Commissioned in July, 96/Aug, 97, producing pig iron)	3.00 (SMS Cap:2.2 LTPA)	700.00	Under Impln. SMS:Mar,98 HRM:Sep,98
12.	SJK STEEL CORP. LTD. (Anantpur,AP)	BF-BOF BAR/WR	4.00 (SMS Cap:2.88 LTPA)	636.00	Under Impln. Apr. 98
13.	KUMAR MET. CORP. LTD. (Nalgonda, AP)	EAF WR	1.25	146.00	Under Impln. March, 98
14.	ISPAT INDUSTRIES LTD. (Raigad, Maharashtra)	EAF HRC (Cold trails of Hot Strip Mill reportedly started)	30.00	4792.00	Under Impln. Ph-I: Dec, 97 Ph-II: Jul, 98
15.	BELLARY S & A LTD. (Bellary, Karnataka)	BF-BOF LP	4.10	891.00	Under Impln. Oct,1998.
16.	USHA ISPAT LIMITED (Satarda,Maharashtra)	BF-BOF LP	6.00	1425.00	Under Impln. May, 99
17.	NEELACHAL ISPAT N. LTD (Daitari,Orissa)	BF-BOF Billets/WR (+4.9 l tpa pig iron)	6.20	1510.00	Under Impln. PI: Oct, 1998 Steel: Oct, 1999
Total			116.35	22392.42	

Introduction of Freight Services

429. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is evaluating two proposals from the private sector for introducing specialised freight services through road railers and piggy back system;

(b) if so, the impact of these proposals in tapping new avenues for freight traffic now going by road; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These services are expected to divert high rated general goods traffic from road to rail besides generating additional traffic.

(c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with M/s Kirloskar Pneumatic Co. Ltd. (KPCL), Pune for the introduction of Road Railers. An MOU for introduction of Piggy Back System is to be signed with M/s Sanghi Filaments Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad.

Budgetary Allocation for Social Sector Programmes

430. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to cut its budgetary allocation for various social sector programmes of rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government had earlier proposed to double the outlay for rural development in the Ninth Plan; and

(d) if so, the efforts being made to ensure that the programmes aimed at employment and income generation for people below the poverty are not hit by the curtailment of funds?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The budget has come under severe stress on account of a number of post budget development including Government's decision on the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commissions. It, therefore, became imperative to undertake a review of