

Plant	1990-91		April-June '91	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
<b>Ingot Steel</b>				
Bhilai Steel Plant	3650	3511	905	804
Bokaro Steel Plant	3400	2806	724	787
<b>Saleable Steel</b>				
Bhilai Steel Plant	2850	2795	652	658
Bokaro Steel Plant	2800	2426	652	663
<b>Seleable Pig Iron</b>				
Bhilai Steel Plant	121	95.6	24	26
Bokaro Steel Plant	418	332.2	16	25

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The major reasons were the deficiencies, both in qualitative and quantitative terms in coal and power supplies, especially at Bokaro, poor condition of equipment like coke ovens at Bokaro and problems with equipment like the Blast Furnace No. 7 at Bhilai. Besides, industrial relations and management constraints also played a part.

#### **Irrigation Projects of Himachal Pradesh**

544. SHRI K. D. SULTAN-PURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some major and medium irrigation projects of Himachal Pradesh are pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether feasibility studies regarding these projects have been conducted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d) The State Government is to get only one major irrigation project viz. Shahnehar Irrigation Scheme cleared from Central Water Commission. This scheme envisaging irrigation of 26536 ha. at a cost of Rs. 49.3 crores was submitted in July, 1987 by the Himachal Pradesh Government to the Central

Water Commission. This scheme was submitted in pursuance of the inter-State agreement of August, 1983 between Punjab and Himachal Pradesh on the construction of Shahnehar Barrage on river Beas in Punjab. According to this Agreement, Punjab agreed to supply 228 cusecs of water to Himachal Pradesh regularly without payment and also to bear the entire cost of lined carrier channel and head regulator for irrigating the areas currently receiving irrigation in Himachal Pradesh. For channels in potential areas the Governments of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh agreed to share the cost. Whereas State Government's compliance to the comments of CWC on Water Management, Cost Engineering, Irrigation Planning, Ground Water and Construction machinery aspects have already been received in the CWC, inter-State issues emerging out of the inter-State Agreement of 1983 are yet to be sorted out by Himachal Pradesh with Punjab and environmental aspects are also to be got cleared by the State Government.

[Translation]

#### **Opening of New Post Offices in Dharbhanga and Madhubani Districts of Bihar**

545. SHRI BHOGENDR JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been long standing demand to upgrade the post offices at Bisfi, Baraha and Simri in