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STD Meloodgani Shimla Kullu Manali Mandi Hamirpur Bilaspur Una Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant 5012. KUMARI FARIDA TOPNO: SHRI SRIBALLAV PANI-GRAHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state: (a) the amount earned by Rourkela Steel Plant from export of pipes during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be

taken by the Government to increase the

.01 01 01 01 02 01 01 01 02 01 01 66 production in the Plant to boost exports; (c) the time by which the first phase of modernisation of the plant is likely to be completed and the expenditure incurred thereon so far; and (d) the number of persons employed during the last two years and are likely to be employed, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There have been no exports of pipes from Rourkela Steel Plant

during the last two years.

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- (b) While the exports at the Company (SAIL) level are planned and undertaken keeping in view the international market and product requirement in mind, steps taken to improve the general production and productivity of the steel plant include:
 - . i) Change in work culture conducive to higher productivity and quality coupled with strict adherence to technological norms;
 - ii) Modernisation and technological upgradation of the plant alongwith ensuring adequate availability of

inputs of right quality and quantity;

- iii) Special drive to increase awareness to reduce energy consumption and improved maintenance of plant and equipment.
- (c) Phase-I of modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant is expected to be completed by July, 1993.

The expenditure of Phase-I of RSP modernisation incurred upto July, 1991 is Rs. 196.43 crores.

(d) The number of persons employed lat Rourkela Steel Plant during the past two vears are as follows:

	Executives	Non-executives	Total
1989-90	107	271	378
1990-91	93	701	794
Persons likely to be employed in			
1991-92	50	521	571

The actual recruitment will depend upon the requirement.

The manpower budgeting is done on a yearly basis, where the manpower for different units is worked out. The above recruitment plan of RSP is based on the manpower budget for 1991-92.

Winding up of Post Offices in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh

5013. PROF. UMMAREDDY VE-NKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COM-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for opening of post offices:

- (b) Whether some sub-post offices in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh are likely to be wound up; and
 - (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The norms for opening of Post Offices are given in the Statement attached.

- (b) No Post Office in Gunture District of Andhra Pradesh is likely to be wound up.
 - (c) Does not arise.