

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHANDEV): (a) The nameplate capacities at Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Company Limited (VISL) for production of Alloy & Special Steels and Mild Steel are 77,000 tonnes and 48,000 tonnes per annum respectively.

(b) VISL produces the following steels:-

- i. High speed steel
- ii. Die Steel
- iii. Stainless Steel
- iv. Tool Steel
- v. Ball Bearing Steel
- vi. Free cutting Steel
- vii. Spring Steel
- viii. Alloy and Carbon Construction Steel
- ix. Other Alloy Steels; and
- x. Mild Steel.

(c) and (d). While there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for increasing the installed steel capacities, SAIL has planned to achieve 100% alloy and special Steel making capacity utilisation by 1994-95 and 75% mild steel capacity utilisation by 1993-94, through installation of a blast furnace and balancing and steel making facilities.

Production and Demand of Steel

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total demand of steel in the

country during 1991, till date;

(b) the production of steel during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bridge the gap between the demand and production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHANDEV): (a) and (b). The information for 1990-91 in respect of finished steel is as follows :

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| Assessed demand : | 15.5 million tonnes |
| Production : | 13.4 million tonnes |

(c) Domestic availability is supplemented with imports, to the extent possible within the overall constraints of availability of foreign exchange.

New Varieties of Wheat

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has recently released new varieties of Wheat for cultivation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expected yield of each of these varieties per acre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The details of the wheat varieties released during 1991 alongwith expected yield per acre are given in the enclosed Statement.

STATEMENT

Details the varieties of wheat, released during 1991

| <i>Name of the varieties</i> | <i>Duration</i> | <i>Area for which suitable</i> | <i>Cultural conditions</i> | <i>Important characteristics</i> | <i>Yield in Quintal/Acre</i> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--|---|---|------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| MACS 2496 | Medium | Maharashtra, Karnataka and Plateau region of souther States. | Irrigated, timely sown high fertility conditions. | Highly resistance to brown and black rust and tolerant to high temperature. | 16 |
| HUW 318 | Medium | Nilgiri and Paini Hills | Restricted Irrigated, timely sown, good fertility conditions. | High degree of resistance to all the three rusts. | 17-23 |
| PBW 215 | Medium | Punjab, Haryana, Western U.P. and Rajasthan. | Irrigated, timely sown good fertility conditions. | High resistance to leaf rust and Karnal bunt. | 22 |
| CPAN 3004 (Sangam) | Medium | Punjab, Haryana, Western U.P. and Rajasthan | -do- | High resistance to leaf and strip rusts. | 18 |