

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

3539. SHRI C.P. MUDALA-GIRIYAPPA
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA

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 :

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.