

**KALP NATHRAI:** (a) Various measures are being taken to improve the availability of power in Andhra Pradesh which include maximising the generation from the existing generating stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme of generating stations, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and conservation of energy etc. Assistance is also made available to Andhra Pradesh from the neighbouring systems whenever system conditions are conducive to such transfer.

(b) to (d). It is proposed to set up Gas based power projects at Uppade near Kak-inada and Jegurupadu (Rajahmundry) of a capacity of 400 MW each in Andhra Pradesh from the gas available from the Krishna Godavari Basin.

#### **Appointment of Engineering Helpers**

**2035. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given on August 20 Unstarred Question No. 3578 and state:

(a) whether the panels of Engineering helpers in the Indian Airlines at Hyderabad and Calcutta have been further extended;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of candidates belonging to SCs/STs appointed in the Indian Airlines so far;

(c) the time by which the remaining candidates on the panel are likely to be appointed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA)** (a) and (b). The validity of panel of Engineering Helpers at Hyderabad was extended upto 1st March, 1992 and 6 SC &

3 ST candidates have been appointed from the panel. The validity of Calcutta panel has been extended upto 31st March, 1992, and 24 SC and 7 ST candidates have been appointed from the panel.

(c) and (d). Candidates will be offered appointment, subject to availability of vacancies during the validity period of the panel.

#### **Telephone Advisory Committee for Kerala**

**2036. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN:**  
**SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a Kerala State Telephone Advisory Committee;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Telecom Advisory Committee for Kerala was constituted by the previous Government in March, 1991. It is under review.

#### **Setting up of Doordarshan Centre at Imphal, Manipur**

**2037. SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Doordarshan Centre at Imphal, Manipur; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS)

(a) and (b) Besides a high power (1 KW) TV transmitter, which is functioning at Imphal, a TV Studio Centre has also been made technically ready there. The Centre can, however, be commissioned into service only after the requisite manpower needed for production of programmes as well as operation and maintenance is in position.

#### Cost of Production of Steel

2038 SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE Will the Minister STEEL be pleased to state

(a) whether the cost of production of steel in India is much higher than in the developed countries,

(b) if so the details of production costs in India and in other developed countries and

(c) the steps the Government are contemplating to reduce cost and to become competitive in the world market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and (b) As no authentic information on the cost of production of steel in other countries is available, it is not possible to compare the cost of production in those countries with India.

(c) Steps taken/being taken by the main producers to contain cost of production in India include raising capacity utilisation, increasing productivity, improving techno-economic performance including energy saving, and improved maintenance and modernisation of equipment.

The recent deregulation of prices of iron and steel would also result in enhanced efficiency and international competitiveness in the steel sector, leading to cost reduction.

#### Per Capita Assistance for Tourism in Kerala

2039 SHRI K KURALEE DHARAN Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the per capita assistance given to Kerala by the Union Government for development of tourism in Kerala during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) The Central Department of Tourism does not extend financial assistance on the per capita basis. The total amount sanctioned for various projects/schemes sanctioned during the last three years (till date) for development of tourism in Kerala was Rs 350 00 lakhs.

#### Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant

2040 SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PAT TANAYAK Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have drawn any modernisation plan for the Rourkela Steel plant to augment the production,

(b) if so, whether any additional Blast Furnace will be commissioned as a part of the modernisation programme

(c) whether the turn-over of the plant will be affected by the modernisation, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) Government approval for the implementation of modernisation Phase-