

LIAMINARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Utilisation of Services of Retired Officers by SAIL

3436. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the retired Directors and other Senior Officers whose services were taken and are being taken as advisors by Steel Authority of India Limited during the last two years;

(b) the subjects on which advice was taken and are being taken from these officers;

(c) whether these officers have got the expertise in the subjects on which they are giving advice;

(d) if so, whether these works are remained incomplete; and

(e) the amount paid to them for taking their services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a), (b) and (e) A table showing the names of the retired Directors and other senior officers (Additional Director/General Manager/Executive Director) whose services were taken and are being taken by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during the last two years along with the subjects on which advice was taken and is being taken from these officers as also the amount paid to them for taking their services is given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) and (d) The concerned officials have worked on similar subjects at some time during their long service tenure and have relevant experience on the subjects on which advice has been sought. They were/are engaged in specific assignments mainly because of their familiarity with the organisation, help in continuity of specific initiatives in the area and cost effectiveness vis-a-vis engaging an external agency. The assignments involved utilising the vast experience of these officials in augmenting and providing thrust to some specific areas of ongoing operations which were/are not taken up in a routine manner.

Statement

List of Retired Directors and other Senior officers (Additional Director/General Manager/Executive Director) engaged by SAIL as consultants in the last two years

S.No.	Name of Personnel	Position Held prior to retirement	Period for which appointed	Remuneration	Areas in which services utilised
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	A.K. Roy	ED (Proj), CO	10.3.98 to 9.9.98	Rs. 14,500/- pm	To assist in specific areas in setting up Hot Dip Galvanising Project at Dagaon in Assam
2.	L.A.K. Sinha	ED & CS Corp Office	10.3.98 to 9.9.98	Rs. 14,500/- pm	To advise on : (a) issues pertaining to merger/ acquisitions; (b) amendment of articles of association; and (c) drafting of documents/ developing of procedures for ISO 9002 for shares Deptt. & PDS.
3.	N. Dash	ED (Proj. & Mod) RSP	4.3.98 to 3.8.98	Rs.12000/- pm	Plan for reduction of non-moving/ surplus/sparable inventory and cost reduction in the area of cost of inputs specially high value items.
4.	J.S. Saluja	ED (Salicon) CO	2.8.97 to 30.7.98	Rs. 14500/- pm	Introduction and use of Romelt process for production of Hot Metal in Iron & Steel Industry in India and abroad. Chief Executive of Romelt SAIL India Ltd. a Joint Venture of SAIL

1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	P.K. Sinha	GM (Law), CMO	1.11.96 to 3.5.98 Extd. for 1 yr wef 4.5.98	Rs. 15000/- pm	Providing legal advice in settling disputes of CMO, International Trade/Shipping, Arbitration etc.
6.	D.P. Bajpayee	GM (Mines) BSP	2.8.97 to 1.8.98	Rs. 13000/- pm	Advice on all matters pertaining to implementation of Rowghat Project and coordination with Government and other agencies in respect of this project.
7.	R. Narayanan	GM (MM), DSP	19.3.97 to 18.8.97	Rs. 13000/- pm	Contract closure of DSP modernisation packages.
8.	A.C. Mondal	ED (Proj) DSP	23.3.98 to 22.6.98	Rs. 14500/- pm	To assist in strategy formulation in the operation of Blast Furnace of DSP in view of limited coal allocation during first quarter of 98-99.
9.	S. Banerjee	GM (F&A) IISCO	2.6.97 to 1.12.97	Rs. 13000/- pm	Streamlining systems regarding receipts and payments of IISCO, Ujjain.
10.	P.N. Singh	Director (Pers.)	1.11.97 to 30.4.98	Rs. 15000/- pm	Providing consultation in making strategies for productivity and performance linked wages. Study on Management of Contract Labour in SAIL in view of recent Court pronouncements.
11.	G.S. Khuntia	ED (Oprns) CO	1.9.97 to 28.2.98	Rs. 14500/- pm	Coordination for improved imported Coal Movement from Paradip Port to SAIL plants. Coordinate with RMD and RSP on quality of Iron Ore Lumps/Fines from Barsua and Kalta to ensure movement of 3-4 rakes per day. Follow up regarding forestry clearance of RMD mines.
12.	C.D. Chatterjee	AD (By Pro- ducts), CO	1.6.97 to 29.5.98	Rs. 10000/- pm	Projects on solid waste management and steel scrap rerolling etc.
13.	Dr. P.K. Roy	ED (CET)	12.8.96 to 11.8.97	Rs. 16000/- pm	Monitoring of following packages - Sinter Plant-3 at BSP - Coal Dust Injection at BSP & BSL - JV on Romelt Technology - CHSG System of JVSL.
14.	A.K. Biswas	ED (Proj.)	17.5.96 to 16.10.96	Rs. 54000/- fee Rs. 36000/- for report	Updating the projects manual
15.	Y.P. Sharma	MD, DSP	2.1.96 to 1.6.96	Rs. 12000/- pm	Productivity and Quality improvement plan for ASP

1	2	3	4	5	6
16.	S. Balakrishnan ED (P&A), CO		1.1.96 to 31.12.96	Rs. 10800/- (consolidated)	Study on contract labour
17.	S.C. Suri	ED (Bus. Png.) CO	4.10.95 to 3.10.97	Rs. 9000/- pm	Preparation of SAIL investment plan, coordinate the study on profit and growth through managing interface relationship

pm : per month

[English]

Unsatisfactory Air Service on Mumbai-Aurangabad-Jaipur-Delhi Sector

3437. SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air service between Bombay-Aurangabad-Jaipur and Delhi and back to Bombay is satisfactory;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government propose to run private air service for Aurangabad in order to attract more tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) to (d) Alliance Air operates daily B-737 service on Mumbai-Aurangabad-Udaipur-Jaipur-Delhi and 3 days-a-week B-737 service on Mumbai-Jodhpur-Jaipur-Delhi routes. Indian Airlines operates 3 days-a-week A-320 service on Mumbai-Ahmedabad-Jaipur-Calcutta and back route. Jet Airways also connects Aurangabad with Delhi/Mumbai by a daily B-737 service.

The airlines are free to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance with the route dispersal guidelines.

[Translation]

Retention of Government Accommodation

3438. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to allow the Government servant to retain the accommodation allotted to him/her in Delhi on his/her posting in the North-East States; and

(b) if so, the time by when the proposal is likely to be approved ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal is under consideration for allowing retention of same accommodation on posting to North-East States.

(b) No specific time-frame can be indicated in this regard.

[English]

Signalling System

3439. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways have stepped up the safety measures by introducing a modern signalling system;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the extent to which the modern signalling system introduced by the Railways has helped the checking of accidents;

(d) the total signals that were installed between April-December 1997; and

(e) the other proposal of model signalling system to be installed by 1998 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A thrust has been given for introduction of modern signalling systems and other safety measures like Track Circuiting Panel Interlocking, Route Relay Interlocking, Solid State Interlocking, Block Proving by Axle Counter, Second Distant Signal, etc. on the Indian Railways.

(c) Modern Signalling Equipments like Track Circuiting Route Relay Interlocking Panel Interlocking Second Distant Signal, Last Vehicle Check by Axle Counter etc. help in preventing accidents by providing technical support to reduce human failures. However, the extent to which modern signalling have helped in checking railway accidents cannot be quantified.