

RBI has issued guidelines to all scheduled commercial banks for rehabilitation of potentially viable sick SSI units. These guidelines emphasise the need for early detection of incipient sickness and for taking remedial measures in time. RBI have also laid down the viability norms and parameters for providing relief/concessions to potentially viable sick SSI units.

IDBI has also formulated a refinance scheme for extending rehabilitation assistance to sick small scale industrial units through banks and State level financial institutions. The National Equity Fund Scheme launched by IDBI in 1987 also provides equity type of support for rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units in the SSI sector, eligible under the scheme.

Super Zinc Smelter Plant

10512. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) when the work on Super Zinc Smelter Plan near Chittorgarh is likely to commence and when it will start production;

(b) whether local people will be preferred in employment there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Work on the Smelter on Hindustan Zinc Limited near Chittorgarh, commenced in April, 1989. It is likely to start production for June, 1991.

(b) and (c). Workmen are employed through the District Employment Exchange, subject to suitability. If candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange are not found suitable for the job, recruitment is

done through open advertisement.

Mopping up of Household Sector Savings

10513. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the additional measures Government propose to evolve for mopping up the savings in the household sector; and

(b) the expected amount of savings in 1990-91?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Small Savings Schemes administered by the Government are under constant review and whenever need arises changes are carried out with a view to maximise the collections.

Besides, Government propose to extend the Deposit Scheme for Retiring Government Employees, 1989 to the Retiring Employees of Public Sector companies. The limit of deposits under the National Savings Scheme 1987 is also proposed to be increased from Rs. 30,000 to Rs 40,000 in a year.

(b) The net collections under the various Small Savings Schemes during 1990-91 are estimated at Rs. 5,500 crores.

[*Translation*]

Export of Foodgrains

10514. SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of foodgrains/pulses being exported at present;

(b) the names of countries to which