

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c) Government does not give direct financial assistance to hotels. However, Government offers several incentives to the hotel industry. These include higher depreciation allowance, interest subsidy on loans advanced by Industrial Finance Corporation of India, Tourism Finance Corporation of India and State Financial Corporations; concessional customs duty for project import, certain income tax rebates, etc.

Steel Import

1492. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of steel plants operational at present in the country;

(b) the annual production of steel by these plants;

(c) the quantum of steel being imported annually; and

(d) whether Government propose to offer some exemption on the import duty being imposed on imported steel?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL & MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH

GOSWAMI): (a) There are six integrated steel plants and about 180 Electric Arc Furnace Units for producing mild steel.

(b) About 13 million tonnes of finished steel was produced in 1989-90.

(c) On an average about 1.5 million MTs of steel is imported annually.

(d) No, Sir.

[English]

Mica & Soap Stone Mines in Bhilwara (Rajasthan)

1493. SHRI HAMENDRA SINGH BANERA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Mica and Soap Stones Mines in operation and their production as on 1st July, 1990 in Bhilwara district of Rajasthan; and

(b) the value and quantity of Mica and Soap Stones respectively produced during calendar years 1988, 1989 and 1990 (up to June)?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL & MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) The number of mica and soapstone mines in operation on 1st July, 1990 are 24 and 21 respectively.

(b) The value and quantity of production of mica and soapstone are as follows:

	Calendar Years	Production in metric tonnes	Value in Rs. Crores
Mica :	1988	499.5	0.30
	1989	537.4	0.48
	1990	218.2	0.16
	(Upto June 1990)		
Soapstone :	1988	70,643.2	2.37
	1989	76,215	2.67
	1990	41,354	1.58
	(Upto June, 1990)		