

(a) whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research has made any study and made recommendations on the long-term projections for iron and steel in the country ; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of Government in regard to the recommendations made by Council ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b). According to the latest study made by the NCAER the domestic demand for finished mild Steel would be 7.125 million tonnes in 1970-71 and 10.512 million tonnes in 1975-76. The demand for foundry grade pig iron was assessed by the NCAER at 1,795 million tonnes in 1970-71 and at 2,392 million tonnes in 1975-76. The details of the study can be seen in the Publication of the NCAER titled "Long Term Projections for Iron and Steel" published in 1968.

(c) On the basis of the Report of the NCAER and further assumptions, the Steering Group on Iron and Steel assessed the domestic demand for finished steel market pig iron by 1973-74 at about 7.12 million tonnes and 1.95 million tonnes respectively. This has been accepted for the IV Plan.

Since the Report submitted by the NCAER has become somewhat out of date and in view of the decision to set up 3 new steel plants, Government have requested the NCAER to carry out a fresh study of the demand for steel in 1975-76 and 1980-81

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CORRECTIONS OF ANSWER TO US  
Q. NO. 5368 DATED 7-4-1969 *RE.*  
GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA

CHARAN SHUKLA) : In reply to Unstarred Question No. 5368 on 7th April, 1969, it was stated that, from the information readily available, it appears that, apart from giving the land measuring 7.10 acres on a nominal rent of Rs. 1.00 per annum for Gandhi Museum and associated buildings, no other contribution have been made by the Central Government to the Gandhi Memorial Fund. This was based on the information received from the Secretary of the Fund, replies from other concerned parties having not been received at the time of reply. The Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development have since informed, and Secretary of the Fund has confirmed, that land actually in possession of the Fund is 5.936 acres and not 7.10 acres. The reply is to be modified accordingly.

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11.58 hrs.

RE : MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT  
(QUERIES)

SHRI P. K. DEO (Kalahandi) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, we gave notice of adjournment motions over the failure of the Government of India in deciding about a steel plant in Orissa in spite of expert opinion that it will be most profitable and economical to have it there in the Fourth Plan period.

MR. SPEAKER : There is the next item, calling-attention.

SHRI P. K. DEO : In spite of all those recommendations the Government has failed in that. If a decision on a steel plant is taken on a political basis, we do not mind; let the Southern States have their steel plants, but at the same time Orissa's claim cannot be overlooked. It has overlooked Orissa's complaints and there has been a complete *bandh* in Orissa. Unless we project the feeling of the people of Orissa in this forum, where and when shall we express it ? It is most appropriate occasion to censure the Government.

MR. SPEAKER : His leader is not asking him to sit down. Will you please sit down or not ?