

(c) The Government of Rajasthan had raised the issue of additional allotments of controlled cloth with a Central Team on the Study of prices and availability of essential commodities.

#### Visit by High Level British Delegation

\*303. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:  
SHRI B. V. DESAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level delegation from U.K. visited India in November, 1980;

(b) if so, whether the delegation had a number of meetings with all the important Ministers;

(c) whether it decided to have joint ventures abroad; whether U.K. has informed that all financial commitments will be met very soon by the end of 1980;

(d) what were the financial commitments made by the U.K. Government and to what extent they have been fully met; and

(e) whether the high level delegation from U.K. was able to give any idea as to what extent U.K. would help India during 1981-82?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b). A delegation comprising leading British industrialists visited India in November, 1980, and had discussions with various Ministries.

(c) The main purpose of the delegation's visit was to promote commercial interests of British industries. In the discussion with the delegation no decisions were taken regarding joint ventures abroad or about the financial commitments of U.K.

(d) and (e). No financial commitments were made by the delegation on behalf of the U.K. Government nor

was any indication given by the delegation of the extent of the assistance by the Government of U.K. for 1981-82.

#### Comparative production Figure of Steel Ingot

4532. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the latest figures of production of steel ingot and how do they compare with the corresponding period of last year and also between April and September, this year and causes of fall thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): The production of ingot steel at the six integrated steel plants during April—September, 1980 and October—November, 1980 was 34.85 lakh tonnes and 11.75 lakh tonnes respectively, as compared to the figures of 38.07 lakhs tonnes and 13.88 lakh tonnes respectively during the corresponding periods of the last year, 1979, thus showing an overall drop of 5.35 lakh tonnes in ingot production. However, the production of saleable pig iron during April—November, 1980 was 8.97 lakh tonnes as against 6.07 lakh tonnes during the corresponding period last year, marking an increase of 2.90 lakh tonnes. Thus, the real shortfall in steel ingot production this year as compared to the last year was of the order of 2.45 lakh tonnes, i.e., less than 5 per cent. The main reasons for shortfall in production of ingot steel have been acute shortages in the availability of coking coal as well as power.

#### Investments made by L.I.C. and U.T.I. in Mackinnon Mackenzie and Company Limited, Bombay

4533. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of investments made by the Life Insurance Corporation Limited and the Unit Trust of India in Mackinnon Mackenzie and Company Limited, Bombay as on date;