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Construction of Navy Training Centre at Chika Lake in Orism.

*146. SHRI DASARATHA DEB: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 10 crores of rupees have already been spent on preliminary construction work for the proposed Navy Training Centre at Chilka lake in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether the proposed scheme has been abandoned now; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The proposal for locating the centre at Chilka has been dropped due to the possibility of adverse effects on the environment.

Setting up of Mini Steel Plants

*148. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO: SHRI BAKSI NAYAK:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which steel production is likely to be increased as a result of setting up Mini steel plants; and

(b) whether any assessment has been made for the requirement of the scrap iron for these plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL. AND MINES (SHEI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM): (a) The electric-dimaceeum-continuous casting units which have been approved for grant of 'Industrial Licence'/'Carrying-on-Business' and 'Letters of Intent' under the present liberalised licensing policy would, on the basis of their licensed capacities, finally have potential for contributing an additional 12,85 lakh tonnes of steel per annum,

(b) A Working Group on Ferrous Scrap constituted by the Ministry, has in its Report, submitted during November, 1971, inter alia studied/ assessed the overall availability of ferrous scrap for the electric-furnace industry.

Admission of Bangladesh into U.N.O.

*150. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: SHRI D. K. PANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese have used veto power in the United Nations Organisation when the question of membership of Bangladesh was taken up; and

(b) the efforts being made by Government for admission of Bangladesh into United Nations Organisation in such circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. China used its veto in the Security Council where the question of the membership of Bangladesh was taken up in August this year.

(b) The Government of India is in constant touch with Bangladesh and other countries in the matter. A resolution has already been tabled in the General Assembly expressing the desire that Bangladesh will be admitted to the United Nations at an early date.