

No cut has been imposed in these allocations so far.

(c) and (d). This Ministry has been urging the Planning Commission from time to time to make adequate outlays for Health and Family Planning Programmes in the Annual Plans. The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 44 crores for the Annual Plan 1975-76 in respect of Central and Centrally Sponsored Health Programmes against the outlay of Rs. 31.65 crores for these programmes for the year 1974-75. Similarly for Family Planning Programmes, the Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 63 crores inclusive of foreign assistance for 1975-76 against the outlay of Rs. 54.13 crores for 1974-75.

**Change in Product Mix of Steel plants**

\*249. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR:

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

(a) whether SAIL has made extensive change in the product mix of the steel plants;

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

(c) whether the shifts in production is towards plates and heavy structurals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV): (a) to (c) The product-mix of a steel plant is determined by the type and capacity of the various units and in particular of the rolling/finishing mills and related production processes. It is, therefore, not possible to make extensive changes in the product-mix as such.

However, there is some scope of varying the production of various categories/sections within the overall production plan for a year.

Having regard to the position of supply and demand, SAIL has laid emphasis on the greater production of structurals and plates in the last few months.

**Engine or multi-role Combat Aircraft for I.A.F.**

\*250. SHRI BHAGIRATH BHANWAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided on the engine for the multi-role combat aircraft for the Indian Airforce;

(b) if so, the horse power and the cost likely to be involved and the time likely to be taken for production;

(c) the salient features of the engine; and

(d) whether any foreign collaboration is envisaged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of the reply to (a)

**Smuggling activities on Indo-Bangladesh border**

\*251. SHRI N E HORO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling has become a way of life for a substantial number of people including women and children along the Indo-Bangladesh border;