

Rourkela Steel Plant was taken up for the study and report was published in May, 1976. The study is not of an exhaustive nature but accepts that in the steel plant employment there is definite advantage for the people of the State having the plant. The study further reveals that other benefits also accrue to the region where the Plant is located. The conclusions of the survey are presently under scrutiny.

Recognition of Hospitals and Nursing Homes for Abortions

*129 SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals and nursing homes recognised during the current year for medical abortions under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act; and

(b) the number of women who under went abortion since that Act came into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK): (a) 1789 centres are providing services for Medical Termination of Pregnancy.

(b) 4,19,812 till June, 1976.

Effect of Wrong Estimates of Bauxite on Korba Aluminium Plant

*132. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR: SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Bauxite deposits at Phutkapahar and Amar Kantak were wrongly estimated;

(b) whether the Korba Aluminium Plant is likely to be closed down as a result of this wrong estimation;

(c) whether BALCO has demanded an enquiry to fix responsibility for this and suggest steps to rectify the situation; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV): (a) Mineable bauxite ore in two deposits has been found to be much lower than what was estimated by Geological Survey of India in the course of investigations during 1961—63.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Variations in the actual recoverable quantity of ores over those initially estimated, are inherent in geological investigations, although in the present case the variations have been of a higher order.

Additional sources for continuing full supply to Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd. (BALCO) on a long-term basis have been identified. BALCO have already applied for mining lease for new areas.

Malpractices in Employment of Indians in Oil Rich Countries

*133. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large-scale malpractices indulged in the name of employment opportunities for Indian citizens in oil rich countries;

(b) if so, whether investigations are carried out in this respect; and

(c) the reasons for not channelising such opportunities through Government employment exchanges and banning private agencies?