

Launching of Second Round of EDF by World Bank

834. SHRIMATIBASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is launching the second round of Export Development Funds from this year to help India improve its exports to the developed world;

(b) if so, the details of allocation amongst Indian financial institutions; and

(c) to what extent, this will help India in its exports?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c). In the Second Export Development Project, agreement for which was entered into between Government of India and IBRD on 26.5.1989, there is a component of \$ 20 million entitled "Export Development Funds" which has been allocated amongst the Financial Institutions as follows: ICICI—US \$ 7 million; Eximbank—US \$ 7 million; Bank of Baroda—US \$ 3 million and Canara Bank—US \$ 3 million. The Export Development Funds are to be used to give grant support, on a matching basis, to eligible export development activities of firms with a view to aiding the exporters by giving them assistance to improve marketing, product development and technological know-now on the basis of well developed export plans and programmes.

Proposal for Comprehensive Steel Policy

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

(a) whether there is a plan for formulation of a comprehensive steel policy without controls;

(b) if so, the main features of the pro-

posed scheme; and

(c) by what time, the scheme is likely to be introduced and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Action plan to wipe out the stigma of cheating activities in tourism

836. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the infrastructural shortcomings to be overcome to make Indian tourism the largest foreign exchange earner; and

(b) whether Union Government have any action plan to prevent cheating of tourists?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) The major infrastructural shortcomings in the development of tourism relate to international airline capacity to India, internal transport systems, accommodation units and entertainment facilities.

(b) The Department of Tourism has a Cell where all complaints received from tourists are looked into. State Governments have also been requested to take appropriate action for setting up such Cells. The Department of Tourism has decided to launch publicity campaign to educate shopkeepers, taxi drivers etc.

Optimum Capacity Operation of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

837. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY:

SHRI Y.S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY:

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

(a) the total amount spent on VSP;

(b) when the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is expected to become fully operational with its optimum capacity; and

(c) the quantity of steel of different grades to be produced by it?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES
AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE

(SHRIDINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Rs. 5702.34 crores upto February, 1990.

(b) Initial production of pig iron and round products is expected to be in full swing in 1990-91. Completion of Stage II comprising of structural products and semis is expected in 1992.

(c) The annual product-mix of VSP, when fully operational, would be as follows:-

long products	:	1.3	million tonnes.
Structural products	:	1.08	million tonnes.
Semis	:	246	thousand tonnes
Pig Iron	:	555	thousand tonnes.

India's Position in World Steel Production

838. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA:

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

(a) which one of our public sector steel plants is the most modern plant and where does it stand among the highly sophisticated steel plants of the world;

(b) when is the country expected to

become self-sufficient in steel production; and

(c) India's position in the world today, in respect of the quality and quantity of steel produced and the names of other countries which are ahead of India in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES
AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE
(SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) The 4 Million Tonne expansion stream of Bhilai Steel Plant is the most modern of the Public Sector Steel Plants. The techno-economics of this plant as compared to the highly sophisticated steel plants world wide are as follows:

	<i>Bhilai expansion stream</i>	<i>Highly sophisticated plants abroad</i>
<i>Blast Furnace (t/cum/day)</i>	1.2	2.25—2.5
<i>Coke Rate (kg/t)</i>	600	450
<i>L.D. Converter Tap-to-tap-time (minutes)</i>	60—70	40
<i>Overall Energy G Cal/t of crude steel</i>	8—8.5	4.5—5.5