

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BASAVARAJ PATIL): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Group Accountability Concept

1397. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have mooted any Group Accountability Concept; and

(b) if so, the main feature thereof and the area of operation of this concept?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, a proposal mooted by the Reserve Bank of India is currently under discussion.

Cost of Production at Bokaro Steel Plant

1398. SHRI A.K. ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production of saleable steel in Bokaro Steel Plant and the factors that made up the cost in percentage;

(b) whether the places of economy have been identified, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Bokaro Steel Plant has a big idle inventory adding to the cost, if so, the details giving the value of the

store materials and equipment lying idle for more than 10 years, 5 years, 2 years and 1 year and the step taken thereon;

(d) whether all the possible by-products of the steel plant are being utilised or processed, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BASAVARAJ PATIL): (a) Several factors like

- 1) Raw materials, (approx. 29.4%)
- 2) Salaries & Wages, (approx. 13%)
- 3) Power & Fuel, (approx. 8.4%)
- 4) Stores & spares, (approx. 21%)
5. Repairs & Maintenance and others (approx. 9.5%)
- 6) Depreciation, (approx. 12%) and
7. Interest (approx. 6.5%)

go into the structure of total cost of production. The "Costs" of these factors keep varying from time to time determining the total cost of production.

(b) SAIL have identified the following areas/measures for effecting economy and cost control/reduction:

- i) Increased production of saleable steel and improved productivity;
- ii) Diversification in product-mix;
- iii) Lower energy consumption;
- iv) Better recovery of waste and secondary arisings;