

Company has been offered a \$ 2 million loan by the Export-Import Bank to help finance procurement of machinery and equipment from U.S.A. for development of Bauxite mines in the country;

(b) if so, the terms of the loan; and

(c) which of the Bauxite mines in this country are proposed to be developed under this loan?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) In March 1965, the Indian Aluminium Company Ltd., Calcutta, were permitted to negotiate with Exim Bank of U.S.A. for a foreign change loan to finance partly the import of a part of plant and machinery required for a new aluminium project at Belgaum in Mysore State, including development of bauxite mines to feed the proposed aluminium smelter. On 21st February, 1967, Exim Bank announced their agreement to extend a loan of U.S. \$2 million to the Indian company.

(b) Detailed terms and conditions regarding the loan are still under negotiation.

(c) The Belgaum Aluminium smelter is based on the bauxite deposits in the South Kolhapur region of Maharashtra and the deposits in the Belgaum and North Kanara Districts of Mysore.

Location of the 5th Steel Plant

*198. Shri Seethyan:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri S. Supakar:
Shri Eswara Reddy:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken regarding the location of the 5th steel plant in the public sector; and

(b) if so, the capacity and the financial outlay decided in this regard?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Golf Equipment

251. Dr. Karnj Singhji: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the acute shortage of Golf equipment in the country and also in view of foreign exchange being earned by export of sports goods like hockey-sticks and footballs, Government propose to earmark some foreign exchange so earned for the import of Golf equipment; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). Under the present policy for registered exporters, only import replenishment is allowed i.e. what is needed to product.

In terms of the current import policy, applications from recognised clubs are being considered for import of golf balls.

Railway Line from Khurda Road to Balasgir

252. Shri A. Dipa: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a preliminary survey for con-