

are given below :

		(Rs. in crores)
	SAIL	IISCO
1980 - 81	(+ ) 1.01	(- ) 28.79
1981 - 82	(+ ) 39.17	(- ) 37.11
1982 - 83	(- ) 105.76	(- ) 71.05
1983 - 84	(- ) 214.53	(- ) 24.06
	(+ ) Profit	(- ) Loss

(b) Though there have been price increases in the past, these have not fully compensated SAIL for increases in the cost of production. SAIL has introduced a production-cum-Profit Improvement Management System to achieve higher production and improved profitability. The strategy includes diversification of its product-mix to better match the demand, accelerate sales by adoption of an aggressive marketing strategy and reduction of inventories of raw materials, stores and spares. Special measures to achieve cost reduction by improving technological processes, better maintenance to maximise the availability of equipment by timely repairs, minimisation of purchases of stores and spares and restriction of expenditure in all possible ways have been also adopted.

(c) and (d). Schemes for modernisation and technological upgradation of Durgapur, Rourkela and IISCO are under consideration of the Government. Schemes are also under formulation for de-bottlenecking schemes of Bhilai and Bokaro steel plants so as to enable these plants to achieve their rated capacities.

#### Strengthening of Territorial Army

\*11. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have appointed a Committee to strengthen the Territorial Army under the Chairmanship of General Sparrow ; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations of that Committee ; and

(c) those which have been accepted ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 21/85].

#### Development of Coal Reserves in Orissa

\*12. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa have requested his Ministry for the development of coal resources in that State ;

(b) if so, the steps taken therefor ;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken therefor ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d). No such request has been received from State Government of Orissa. However, based on regional exploration done by the Geological Survey of India and the detailed exploration by the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute of Coal India Limited, the development of coal resources of an area is taken up irrespective of any request by the State

Government etc., depending upon the requirement of coal by various consuming industries in different parts of the country. In accordance with this policy, 4.7 million of coal will be produced in Orissa during 1984-85.

2. The Central Government have recently sanctioned 5 coal projects in Orissa namely Bharatpur Opencast, Bharatpur washery and Jagannath expansion in Talcher coalfields and Belpahar and Lajkura Opencast in Ib Valley coalfields. New projects viz Ananta Opencast and Kalinga Opencast with attached washeries are also being planned. A Master Plan of the Talcher coalfield in Orissa is also being taken up for identifying new projects and infrastructural needs. Coal production in Orissa is expected to go up from 4.7 m t in 1984-85 to about 13 m t. by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan i.e. 1989-90.

### Capacity utilisation of Steel Plants

\*13. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the capacity utilisation rate of different plants of Steel Authority of India Limited for the last 5 years ;

(b) the main reasons for the plants not working to full capacity ; and

(c) measures being taken to improve the position ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) The capacity utilisation with respect to D.P.R capacity for saleable steel at all the SAIL Steel Plants during the last five years is given below :—

#### *% Capacity Utilisation*

Product Plant	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85 Target
<b>Saleable Steel</b>						
BS P	87	93	93	94	80	93
DSP	49	48	63	66	49	52
RSP	85	80	89	81	70	77
BSL	43	43	75	78	65	76
SAIL	66	66	81	81	68	76
IISCO	54	65	61	63	55	48
ASP	76	70	87	78	42	93
SSP	—	—	10	21	22	53

(b) and (c), The main factors affecting production were restrictions in the supply of power and poor quality and inadequate availability of indigenous coking coal as well as some technological deficiencies in the Plants. Efforts are being made to improve the supply of power and coking coal of right quality in close cooperation with the supplying organisations. The

steel plants are making efforts to maximise their own limited captive power generation. As a long term measure, additional captive power generating units are being established at Bokaro, Rourkela, Durgapur and Bhilai Steel Plant. The technological deficiencies are being met through modernisation/de-bottlenecking schemes already under consideration,