

Deposits in Indian banks from Gulf Countries

35. SHRI P.M. SAYEED:
SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian banks have received any deposits in foreign currency from the residents of the countries in the Gulf region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; if not, whether there is such a possibility;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any negotiations with private enterprises and also at Government level in this regard;

(d) if so, the results achieved; and

(e) the special incentives; if any, being demanded by these depositors?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (e). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that they are not aware about the keenness or otherwise of big depositors in the gulf countries to keep their money in the Indian Banks due to Gulf War. However, Reserve bank of India received some proposals through banks operating in India for acceptance of large deposits from outside the country but those proposals have not materialised.

Steel Production in Secondary Sector

37. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) The quantity of crude steel produced in the secondary sector during the last three years;

(b) the role assigned to the secondary sector for augmenting the production of crude steel during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the steps taken for the modernisation of existing steel plants and also for the commissioning of the first phase of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) The quantity of crude steel produced in the secondary sector (Electric Arc Furnace) during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 3.11 million tonnes, 3.17 million tonnes and 3.13 million tonnes, respectively.

(b) Six million tonnes of crude steel is expected to be produced by the secondary sector by the end of the Eighth Plan.

(c) Modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 2667 crores has been approved by Government in February 1989 and is under implementation.

Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 2461 crores has been approved by Govt. in October, 1989 and is under implementation.

The proposals for modernisation of IISCO and Bokaro Steel Plants are under Consideration of the Govt.

All the major units under Stage-I of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant have been commissioned excepting Bar Mill and Coke Oven Battery No. 2 which are now scheduled to be commissioned during the first half of 1991. The units under Stage-II are proposed

to be progressively commissioned during 1992.

Central Assistance for Development of Environment and Forests in Eastern States

38. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from Manipur for financial and technical assistance for the development of Environment and Forests in that State, particularly in the hilly areas during the last three years;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to appoint an expert committee to study the matter in the context of the whole North Eastern States; and

(d) if so, the time by which this committee would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) Yes, Sir. Request for financial assistance was received from the State Government of Manipur for the following schemes during the years 1987-88 to 1989-90:

1. Development of National Parks
2. Development of Wildlife Sanctuaries
3. Captive Breeding and Rehabilitation of Endangered Species
4. Control of Poaching and Illegal Trade
5. Development of Minor Forest Produce
6. Wildlife Education and Interpretation
7. Operation Soil Watch
8. Rural Fuelwood Plantation
9. Conservation and Management of Loktak lake.

(b) Central assistance released for the development of Environment & Forests in Manipur during 1987-88 to 1989-90 is given below: