

Nagaland	1,16,046
Tripura	23,000
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(b) The programme for control of shifting cultivation and rehabilitation of shifting cultivators have been so far implemented on small scale. The approach has been to establish feasibility of integrated package of technology to provide stable land management system with a view to improve the socio-economic condition and stabilise ecology. Though no comprehensive evaluation studies have so far been carried out, there have been a number of reports and studies on various programmes implemented so far. According to these reports, there has been greater awareness among the people to adopt a alternate land management systems and seek greater investment to this end. The studies also have confirmed that the programme should be location specific, beneficiary oriented and integrated on watershed basis keeping in view the socio-economic requirement of the village as a unit. This improved strategy for settlement of shifting cultivators is being introduced for implementation during the next 3 years of Seventh Five Year Plan.

Financial Crisis in Birmitrapur Lime Stone Mines in Orissa

4843. SHRI MAURICE KUJUR : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Birmitrapur Lime Stone Mine in Sundargarh district, Orissa is facing serious financial crisis ;

(b) if so, the steps taken to avert the situation which would cause unemployment to a large workforce ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A plan for rehabilitation of the Company is under consideration. To help the Company tide over its immediate

requirements of working capital, an amount of Rs. 1 crore has already been disbursed as a non-Plan loan from Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Modernisation on Mine Steel Plants

4844. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the working group on steel has prepared a blueprint to enable Government to work out a suitable incentive scheme linked with production, for the modernisation of mini steel plants ;

(b) whether Government had asked the working group to give its report within a month ;

(c) whether the working group has submitted its report ; and

(d) if so, the main features of the report and the time by which a final decision will be taken on its recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) to (d) The Department of Steel has constituted a group to recommend norms of modernisation for the mini-steel plants. The group is expected to submit its recommendations to the Government shortly.

Accountability for Projects Under Execution by SAIL

4845. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA-MURTY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to enforce accountability of officers regarding execution of projects in respect of steel plants under SAIL and other allied industries ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Public sector managements are