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#### **Mini Steel Plants in Uttar Pradesh**

702. SHRI SALEEM I. SHERVANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how many mini steel plants are functioning in Uttar Pradesh and how many are lying closed;

(b) whether the functioning of these plants has been satisfactory; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a mini steel plant in Uttar Pradesh in assisted sector during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) 26 Mini-steel plants with a capacity of 5.43 lakh tonnes per annum are installed in Uttar Pradesh. According to a report of March, 1987 one unit in Uttar Pradesh is lying closed.

(b) The Mini-steel plants in Northern India have represented that they have problems of lower shortage and freight charges on imported scrap. However, the capacity utilisation of these plants in the month of May, 1987 is 62% as against the all-India figure of 86%.

(c) No, Sir.

#### **Fall in Steel Authority of India Profit**

703. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the profit of Steel Authority of India Limited for 1986-87 has fallen to Rs. 5 crores only;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether this has caused demands from the Steel Authority of India Limited to raise output prices; and

(d) if so, Government's views thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### **Survey of Off-Shore Seabed of Andhra Pradesh**

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

(a) whether the off-shore seabed of Andhra Pradesh has recently been surveyed to find out the existence of minerals embedded therein; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SMT. RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As a result of survey carried out by Geological Survey of India so far, traces of minerals, like Zircon, Monazite, Ilmenite, etc. have been found in shelf sediments within territorial waters. The survey is still in progress.

#### **Proposal to Ban Tinted Car Glasses**

706. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY:

SHRI MANIK REDDY:

SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to ban tinted car glasses in view of the deteriorat-