

(c) when the construction of the Blast Furnace will be completed;

(d) the progress in various other sectors of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(e) the total expenditure incurred so far; and

(f) the further expenditure to be incurred for the completion of first stage and second stage by 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The construction of the first boiler and first generator are expected to be completed in the second quarter of 1988. The balance units are scheduled to be completed progressively by November, 1989.

(c) The construction of Blast Furnace No. 1 is likely to be completed by October, 1988.

(d) The progress in major areas of construction of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant upto the end of January, 1988 was as under:-

<i>Item of Work</i>	<i>Percentage Fulfilment of the Cumulative Schedule of Work</i>
1. Concreting	100.0
2. Structural fabrication	95.3
3. Structural erection	93.0
4. Equipment ordering	103.1
5. Equipment erection	75.9

6. Refractory ordering 99.7

7. Refractory erection 85.3

(e) and (f). The expenditure incurred on Visakhapatnam Steel Project upto January, 1988 was Rs. 3697 crores. At the first quarter, 1986 base cost the balance expenditure on the Project is estimated to be about Rs. 2600 crores.

High Powered Committee on Technical Education

1531. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDAHRY:
SHRI AMAL DATTA:
SHRI MANIK SANYAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a high powered committee to look into the issue of technical education in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the committee's terms of reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up Mini Steel Plant at Barbil in Orissa

1532. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a mini steel plant at Barbil in Orissa;