

(a) whether there is a proposal to de-control Aluminium; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). With increasing domestic production of Aluminium metal, the question of decontrol of aluminium in the context of emerging surplus has been receiving the attention of the Government for some time.

Setting up an Electrolytic Manganese Metal Project In Sundergarh District of Orissa

354. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN:
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANI-
GRAHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an Electrolytic Manganese metal project at Baraigarh in Sundergarh district, Orissa;

(b) whether Government is likely to give clearance to the project soon;

(c) if so, the details of the site selected for the project; and

(d) the capacity and the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir. (b) to (d). Do not arise.

Proposal to set up Second Steel Plant In Orissa

355. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN:
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANI-
GRAHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently considered the proposal to set up the second steel plant in Orissa;

(b) if so, the site selected for the project; and

(c) the steps taken to implement and expedite the project?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Body for Primary and Secondary Schools

356. DR. G.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a body like University Grants Commission for improvement of primary and secondary education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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) Do not arise.

Implementation of NREP in Punjab

357. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided assistance to Punjab in cash or in the form of foodgrains under the National Rural Employment Programme;