

Junk of Steel Scraps lying with Stockyards

**3303. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA:
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Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large junk of steel scraps is lying with various stockyards for several months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any decision about the disposal of such steel scraps has since been taken by Government; and

(d) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) to (d). Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recommendations by Foreign Service Inspectors regarding Indian Missions Abroad

3304 SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Foreign Service Inspectors carried out inspection of Indian Missions abroad;

(b) if so, the outlines of the recommendations made; and

(c) how far those have been implemented by our Missions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of Foreign Service Inspectors covered all aspects of

functioning of our Missions. The outlines of their recommendations are given in the statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c) These recommendations have, by and large, been implemented.

Statement

Outlines of the recommendations of the Foreign Service Inspectors are given below:—

- (i) **Staff:** The Foreign Service inspectors conducted detailed work studies and suggested rationalization of work patterns, reallocation of staff and better co-ordination of work and recommended revised staff strength consistent with economic and efficiency.
- (ii) **Allowance of India-based and pay scales of local staff:** They examined the local costs of living and proposed revision of rates of foreign allowance, representational grant, daily allowance, pay scales of local staff etc. on the basis of local living conditions and other factors
- (iii) **Accommodation, transport etc.** They also looked into the transport requirements and accommodation needs of the Missions, both residential and office, and made suitable recommendations in the light of changes in staff, increase in rents etc
- (iv) **Other matters:** They also examined other matters, viz., (i) Security arrangements; (ii) administrative, financial and accounting disciplines; (iii) commercial and cultural relations and (iv) external publicity, etc. These recommendations which were of general nature were intended to jogs up the functioning of the Missions. Where necessary, suitable instructions were also issued for their guidance.