

(b) The estimated requirement of the Aluminium metal during the current year (1974-75) is about 200 000 tonnes

(c) The quantity of aluminium imported during the last three years is indicated below

Year	Import in tonnes
1971-72 . . . .	21,236
1972-73 . . . .	1,664
1973-74 . . . .	1,605 6

#### Mini Steel Plant in North Bengal

1528 SHRI R N BARMAN Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) the main causes of dropping the proposal of setting up Mini Steel Plant in North Bengal for which all the preliminaries including site selection were completed, and

(b) the total amount incurred in carrying out these preliminaries in respect of the Mini Steel Plant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) (a) and ( ) Presumably the reference is to M/s Siliguri Steels Ltd who have been given a Carry-on-Business licence. No decision has been taken on their request for change of location

#### Aluminium Corporation of India, J&K Nagar, West Bengal

1529 SHRI R N BURMAN Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) when Government propose to take over the Aluminium Corporation of India at J & K, Nagar, West Bengal,

(b) the total loss suffered by the Aluminium Corporation after its closure a year ago, and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to cover up the loss?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) (a) to (c) In order to make an objective assessment of the affairs of the Aluminium Corporation of India Limited, Government constituted a Committee under Section 15 of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. The Report of this Committee is under consideration of Government. The short production of aluminium metal on account of closure of this plant in September 1973 is about 8000 tonnes

#### भारो इस्पात संस्थानों की संस्था

1530. श्री फूलचन्द वर्मा : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(ग) देश में कुल कितने भारो इस्पात मयत्र चला रहे हैं

(ख) उनमें से कितने अपनी पूरी क्षमता पर चल रहे हैं, और

(ग) जेब मयत्रा द्वारा पूरी क्षमता का उपयोग न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुखदेव प्रसाद) (ब) हम समय देश में पांच सर्वतोमुखी इस्पात कारखाने चल रहे हैं अर्थात् भिलाई इस्पात कारखाना राउरकेला इस्पात कारखाना और दुर्गापुर इस्पात कारखाना (ये तीनों भारत के हिन्दुस्तान स्टील लि० के अधीन हैं) तथा इडियन आयरन एंड स्टील क० के क्रमशः बर्नपुर और जयशेदपुर में इस्पात के कारखाने। एवं भारो सर्वतोमुखी इस्पात