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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to set up Steel Research and Development Mission, an Autonomous Research Institute in Hyderabad, as reported in `Rashtriya Sahara` dated January 23, 2006;
- (b) if so, the expenditure involved in setting up of the said institute;
- (c) the time frame fixed for setting up of the said institute; and
- (d) the benefits/advantages likely to accrue therefrom to the domestic steel industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

- (a) Government is facilitating to set up a Virtual Centre namely `Steel Research & Development Mission` (SRDM) at Hyderabad as an autonomous registered Society.
- (b) After its registration as a Society, the detailed expenditure required for its setting up will be worked out by the Centre. In the mean while, the Empowered Committee (EC) on Research & Development (R&D) in the Ministry of Steel in its 15th meeting held on 17.01.2006 has sanctioned Rs. 50 crore as an initial corpus to fund R&D projects and Rs. 15 crore to meet initial establishment and running cost for 3 years.
- (c) The Centre will be set up after its registration under the Societies` Registration Act, 1860.
- (d) The expected benefits/advantages of the proposed Centre, inter-alia, include the following:
 - # to revitalize the existing Centres of Research and Development augmenting human and R&D infrastructure through focus projects and programmes with explicit purpose of establishing the Indian Steel sector in a leading position globally.
 - # to develop appropriate technology for cost effective production of quality steel primarily with indigenous raw materials, including the de-grading resources, in an environment friendly manner.
 - # to develop innovative/path breaking technology to primarily utilize domestically available raw material and other resources.
 - # to identify, evolve and undertake basic and applied research of national importance in iron and steel sector contributing towards sustaining the competitive growth of the industry.