

**Proposal to Develop 'Ponmudi' as a  
Tourist Centre in Kerala**

5716 SHRI T BASHEER Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for the development of 'PONMUDI' a tourist spot in Trivandrum district of Kerala.

(b) whether the proposal includes schemes for rope way and trekking Huts at Ponmudi

(c) if so the details thereof and

(d) the action being taken by Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) No, Sir

(c) and (d) A proposal to construct a Health Club at Ponmudi was submitted by the State Government, which after examination was found to be not within the approved schemes for central financial assistance

[*Translation*]

**Sail Office at Delhi**

5717 SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift the head office of the Steel Authority of India Ltd. from Delhi to Ranchi.

(b) if so, the time by which it will be shifted; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In view of the close day-to-day interaction between the Government and the Corporate Office of SAIL at Delhi, the need to consider shifting the head office of SAIL outside Delhi has not been felt

[*English*]

**Mini Steel Plants**

5718. SHRI ANAND SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether the mini steel plants are starved of basic raw materials.

(b) if so, the requirement of scrap for these plants, its availability indigenously and imports during the year 1988, 1989 and the first three months of 1990,

(c) the capacity utilisation of these steel plants during the said years/period; and

(d) the steps being taken to augment raw material supplies to them?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir

(b) It is estimated that about 2 million tonnes of steel melting scrap for the secondary steel sector are available for indigenous sources every year. In addition, import of scrap/HBI etc. by MSTC during the period 1988-1990 is as under: