

(Prices in Rs per metric Ton)

<i>Item</i>	<i>April, 89</i>	<i>March, 90</i>
Copper Wire bars	88,000	81,326
High Grade Zinc	50,500	48,420
Tin	2,96,000	2,92,815
Nickel Sq	4,23,000	3,53,000

MMTC's customers for these items are eligible actual users (industrial). Reduction of these prices did not lead to loss of profit to MMTC as MMTC's import prices have been lower on account of fall in international prices.

(c) MMTC's selling prices are the same for all sectors of economy whether small medium or large scale industries. The benefit of reduction in prices has, thus, been uniformly given to all sectors.

Performance of SAIL Units

7569 SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) the invested capital of different units of Steel Authority of India Limited

(b) the unit-wise ratios of invested capital and profit and annual turn over during the

last three years

(c) whether these ratios are satisfactory when compared to other sectors

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(e) the steps Government propose to make these ratios satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) (a) Investments in SAIL units (excluding subsidiaries) in terms of Capital Employed (Net fixed assets excluding work-in-progress plus Net working capital) as on 31.3.89, is as under

	<i>(Rs in crores)</i>
	<i>1988-89</i>
Bhilai Steel Plant	2175.38
Durgapur Steel Plant	439.23
Rourkela Steel Plant	989.79
Bokaro Steel Plant	1870.31

(Rs. in crores)

	<i>1988-89</i>
Alloy Steels Plant	299.98
Salem Steel Plant	266.57
Central Units and provisio for tax	n(-)41.91
SAIL	5994.35

(b) Unit-wise Ratio of Net Profit (before tax) to Invested capital (Capital Employed) for the last three years is as follows:-

	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1987-88</i>	<i>1986-87</i>
Bhilai Steel Plant	3.06	(-)	(-)
Durgapur Steel Plant	(-)	(-)	(-)
Rourkela Steel Plant	10.00	1.6811	1.45
Bokaro Steel Plant	16.02	9.50	7.55
Alloy Steels Plant	(-)	(-)	(-)
Salem Steel Plant	3.82	(-)	(-)

Unit-wise Ratio of Net Profit (before tax) to Gross Turnover (including finished products internally consumed and subsidies received on export/Imports/Fertilizers) is as follow:-

	1988-89	1987-88	1986-87 (percentage)
Bhilai Steel Plant	3.34	(-)	(-)
Durgapur Steel Plant	(-)	(-)	(-)
Rourkela Steel Plant	6.92	1.29	1.16
Bokaro Steel Plant	14.13	10.17	9.13
Alloy Steels Plant	(-)	(-)	(-)
Salem Steel Plant	5.34	(-)	(-)

(c) and (d). comparison of unit-wise performance ratios with other sectors of the economy is unrealistic as it will not be a like to like comparison because of differences in the periods of commissioning, capital structure, product-mix and pricing mechanism.

(e) Some of the important measure taken by SAIL as part of its continuous thriving to improve its performance are:

- (i) Improvement in capacity utilisation;
- (ii) Increased production of high value added items;
- (iii) conservation of energy;
- (iv) Improvement in yields of by-products and better recovery of waste and secondary arisings;
- (v) Improvement in maintenance of plant and equipment for better availability;
- (vi) Optimising production from captive facilities;
- (vii) Inculcation of cost consciousness at all levels;
- (viii) Intensified research & development efforts; and
- (ix) Modernisation and technological upgradation of existing plant and equipment.

Canalisation of Import of Phosphoric Acid and Ammonia Through MMTC.

7570. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided

to canalise imports of phosphoric acid and ammonia through the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC);

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the different items which have been undertaken by MMTC under the above mentioned category and their contribution to the turnover of MMTC?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Import of Phosphoric Acid and ammonia has been canalised through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited mainly for the following reasons:

- (i) keeping imports of all fertiliser raw materials intermediates and finished products with one agency.
- (ii) Providing better flexibility in import of any one or combination of items depending upon relative price advantage in the international market.

(c) Import of Phosphoric Acid and Ammonia has been undertaken by MMTC pursuant to the above mentioned decision of canalisation. These two items are expected to contribute Rs. 477 crores to MMTC's turnover during April-October, 1990.

Profits Earned by Commercial Banks

7571. SHRI RAMDAS SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of profits earned by each commercial bank in the country during the last three years, year-wise; and