

financial institutions are facing problems to raise syndicated loans as the international banks and financial agencies have formed cartels to bargain increased rates of interest and better terms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Undisposed Quantity of Steel Scraps at SAIL's Plants

***334. SHRI S.B. THORAT:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity and value of steel scrap, plant-wise, lying undisposed for more than three months as on 30th June, 1990;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints regarding various malpractices followed for the disposal of steel scrap by SAIL;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps taken in this regard and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Scrap weighing 16,390 tonnes, valued at Rs. 8.52 crores is reported to be lying undisposed for over 3 months at Bhilai Steel Plant. The other steel plants of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) do not have any such undisposed scrap.

(b) and (c) While some complaints have been received regarding the procedure and contracting for disposal and other alleged deviations etc., these have been/are looked into at the appropriate levels and action taken.

(d) Government have directed SAIL to make over the system of recovery and disposal of scrap arisings in its plants to the public sector agencies completely, in a phased and time bound manner.

Job Evaluation in Doordarshan by NPC

***335. SHRI RAM AWADH:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Productivity Council has been assigned job evaluation and survey regarding senior Engineering Assistants, Engineering Assistants, Technicians vis-a-vis Cameramen and lighting Assistants of Doordarshan, for the purpose of enhancement of pay scales of above-mentioned Engineering categories of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the logic of a comparative study or job evaluation between the employees of two altogether separate cadre/wings of Doordarshan having no similarity/comparison or parallel between them in any respect; and

(c) whether Government propose to continue to pursue the job evaluation through the N.P.C.?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) The Engineering and Technical Staff Association of AIR & Doordarshan have pointed out that there is a disparity in the pay scale of certain categories of comparable posts in AIR & Doordarshan and demanded higher pay scales to the technical/engineering staff. In the context of discussions with the representatives of employees, it was decided that it would be useful to ask a professional body like National Productivity Council to initiate a study on this and other related issues. The job evaluation would be continued either through N.P.C. or a suitable Government agency.