

(a) whether the Income Tax authorities have conducted raids in Bombay in the recent past;

(b) whether the said raids covered film personalities also;

(c) if so, the results of the said raids on film personalities together with their particulars;

(d) whether they were also arrested and are being prosecuted;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f). Does not arise.

Supply of Sub-standard Firebricks to Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited

*156. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the firebricks supplied to Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited are sub-standard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken against those who are supplying the firebricks;

(d) if so, the nature of action taken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Stagnation in output of saleable Steel

*157. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a stagnation in the output of saleable steel in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to raise the output of saleable steel?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c). The production of saleable steel in the country during the last five years and production plan for 1985-86 is tabulated below:

Year	Main Producers	('000 tonnes)	
		Mini Steel Plants	Total
1980-81	6304	1954	8258
1981-82	7257	2032	9289
1982-83	7293	2040	9333
1983-84	6397	1976	8273
1984-85 (est.)	6980	1795	8775
1985-86 (Plan)	7620	1900	9520

Production depends on various factors like the health of the plants, adequate availability of the right quality of inputs and the market needs. Efforts are made to attain high capacity utilisation by proper maintenance and inputs of the desired quality.

As a long term measure output of steel in the country will also be increased by technological upgradation of existing plants and setting up of new steel plants.

For improving the capacity utilisation of mini steel plants, facilities like expansion of existing units, free diversification, forward integration, installation of contiguous casting machines etc. have been extended.

India's Position in World Diamond Market

*158. SHRI R. ANNANAMBI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the value of diamonds exported during the year ended on 31 December, 1984 was Rs. 1182 crores which indicated only a marginal increase over the previous year's export of Rs. 1162 crores;

(b) if so, whether the declining value of the export indicates that India is losing its grip on the world diamond market; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI