

deposits of China clay in the Mayurbhanj district in Orissa.

(b) These deposits are located near Joshipur, Jamda, Karalia, Kalapathar and Rangamati-Jaina, etc.

(c) A number of china clay mines are being worked by private parties and the Orissa Mining Corporation. The latter is also contemplating to set up a large size china clay washing plant near Dumuria for which they are conducting experiments. The Indian Bureau of Mines inspected some china clay working mines during 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 and have made suggestions which would contribute to conservation and scientific development of these mines.

Steel production in Public Sector Steel Plants

*424. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether steel output in Public Sector steel plants is short of one million tonnes of target of 1982-83; if so, reasons thereof ;

(b) whether targets for production of 1983-84 had been reduced to 8.87 million tonnes which is much less than the target of 1982-83 ;

(c) whether it is a fact that on account of backwardness of technology used in public Sector steel plants, the output is behind the target ; and

(d) steps taken for achieving high rate of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) During 1982-83 the integrated steel plants of SAIL produced 6.679 million tonnes of ingot steel as against the revised target of 7.155 million tonnes. The main reasons for this shortfall in production were

severe restrictions imposed on the supply of power to steel plants and inadequate availability and poor quality of coking coal.

(b) The 1983-84 targets of hot metal and ingot steel for the SAIL plants are 8.82 million tonnes and 7.52 million tonnes respectively as compared to 9.37 million tonnes and 7.155 million tonnes respectively during 1982-83.

(c) There are several factors that affect production, the most important of which are the regular supply of the requisite quantity of power free of voltage fluctuation, the supply of the requisite quantity of coking coal of the correct quality. The technology in use in the steel plants can enable the achievement of targets if these inputs are ensured.

(d) To enable steel plants to attain targets, efforts are made to maintain equipment in proper working order and to arrange for timely and adequate supply of various inputs. Scheme for comprehensive repair and modernisation of the steel plant of Indian Iron and Steel Co. in Burnpur is being formulated. Schemes for the SAIL steel plants in Durgapur and Rourkela requiring large funds have been formulated and are being examined expeditiously. Efforts are being made to ensure the regular supply of power and coking coal in close cooperation with the supplying organisations. The steel plants are also making every effort to maximise their own captive generation. As a long-term measure, additional captive power generating units are being established in Bokaro, Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur Steel Plants.

No Industry districts in Gujarat

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to lay a statement showing :