

Mini Steel Plants

*436. **SHRI M. S. PURTY:**
SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mini steel plants sanctioned by the Union Government during the current year to the different States; and

(b) the amount of money sanctioned and the time by which these mini-plants are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV): (a) During the current year, Letters of Indent/C.O.B./Industrial Licences have been granted to 118 parties for setting up of electric furnace units, mainly for the production of Mild Steel ingots, in the various States, as indicated below:

States/Union Territories	No. of units
1. Andhra Pradesh	10
2. Bihar	4
3. Delhi	1
4. Gujarat	5
5. Haryana	8
6. Himachal Pradesh	1
7. Karnataka	6
8. Madhya Pradesh	12
9. Maharashtra	20
10. Orissa	2
11. Punjab	9
12. Rajasthan	13
13. Uttar Pradesh	13
14. West Bengal	14
TOTAL	118

This does not include units specifically licensed for production of alloy and special steel and castings

(b) Government have not sanctioned any money to these units as there is no scheme of central assistance. The schemes are in various stages of implementation and no forecast can be made as to the date of commissioning of these units

Production of Saleable Steel in Rourkela Steel Plant

*438 **SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of saleable steel in the Rourkela Steel Plant has been seriously affected during the month of October, 1974 due to power crisis in the State;

(b) the loss of production as a result thereof, and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV) (a) Yes, Sir. Production of saleable steel in the Rourkela Steel Plant was affected in the month of October 1974 due to shortage in supply of power

(b) The estimated loss of production on this account in terms of saleable steel is 22,318 tonnes

(c) Measures have been taken to optimise the generation of power at the Captive Power Plant at Rourkela. Constant liaison is being maintained with Central Water and Power Commission and the Orissa State Electricity Board and other power supply grids in the Eastern region with a view to securing power for Rourkela Steel Plant on priority Arrangements have been made to augment power supply to the plant from the Damodar Valley Corporation through the Bihar State Electricity Board system.