

(a) the number and names of the firms to whom licences have been granted or are proposed to be granted for manufacturing T.V. Sets;

(b) whether the television sets with remote control have also been designed in India; and

(c) if so, where?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) Letters of intent have been issued to two firms viz., M/s. J. K. Rayon Ltd., Kanpur and M/s. Telerad Private Ltd., Bombay for the manufacture of Television Receivers with an annual capacity of 10,000 sets each. A third proposal for the manufacture of 5,000 sets per annum each by two consortia of Small-scale units is also under consideration of the Government. All these schemes envisage the utilisation of indigenous know-how developed by the Central Electronic Engineering Research Institute, Palani.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Tremors in Anantnag (Kashmir)

788. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a team of experts to visit the Anantnag District in Kashmir which received as many as thirty five tremors during the month of February, 1967 and to find out the causes of the tremors; and

(b) if so, the names of the experts?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. A team of two officers (Sarvashri G. L. Wakhloo and S. P. Rastogi) of the Geological Survey of India have been deputed to make a detailed study of the nature and cause of the recent earth tremors in Anantnag district, Kashmir.

Iron Ore Fines available in India

789. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhaleshwar Meena:
Shri Khagapathi Pradhani:
Shri Hirji Khai:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of iron-ore fines at present available in India; and

(b) the manner in which Government propose to utilise them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) Detailed assessment of the total quantities of Iron ore fines (which include both the natural fines like blue dust underlying the haematite iron ore deposits and the fines produced during the process of mining, particularly mechanised mining of lump ore) available in the country has not so far been made. (For a particular range of deposit in Goa, a preliminary assessment was made by the Indian Bureau of Mines in 1962-63: according to which the inferred reserves of iron ore fines in Goa are of the order of 250 million tonnes).

(b) Iron ore fines can be utilised for steel production after suitable agglomeration (subject to technical feasibility and overall economic consideration.) For the utilisation of iron ore fines, sintering plants have already been put up at the steel plants at Jamshedpur, Bhilai, Bhadravati and Rourkela. A sintering plant is also being installed at the Durgapur Steel Plant. Sintering of iron ore fines is also contemplated for the proposed Bokaro Steel Plant. Feasibility studies are being undertaken for the pelletisation of iron ore fines in Bailadila (Madhya Pradesh), Kudermukh and Bellary-Hospet (Mysore). A pelletisation plant with a capacity of 0.5 million tonnes per annum has been set up by a private firm in Goa. Approval has been given to the project report of another private firm of Goa for the setting up of a pelletisation plant with