

LOK SABHA

Wednesday, April 10, 1963/Chaitra 20,  
1885 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Kiriburu Iron Ore Project

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- \*800. { Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri B. K. Das:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
Shri R. G. Dubey:  
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:  
Shri Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel  
be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the Kiri-  
buru Iron Ore Project;

(b) whether the entire scheme will  
be completed in 1963; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel**  
(Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). A  
statement giving the required infor-  
mation is laid on the Table of the  
House.

STATEMENT

The target is to supply 2 million  
tons of sized ore per annum for export  
to Japan commencing from the begin-  
ning of 1964. The present indications  
are that the target would be adhered  
to. No delay is anticipated.

All the civil works relating to the  
Crushing Plant and ancillary installa-  
tions have been completed except for  
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some minor items. The Crushing  
Plant is expected to be ready for com-  
missioning in May, 1963. The Service  
Centre will also be ready by then. The  
overall achievement regarding the  
removal of overburden works out  
58.79 per cent; the entire work is  
expected to be completed by the time  
the mines go into trial production.  
During the course of removing the  
overburden, 61,825 tons of iron ore  
have been recovered. The entire  
water supply system is expected to be  
completed in all respects by May/June,  
1963. The construction of 430 'E' and  
100 'F' type residential quarters is in  
an advanced stage.

The project is expected to go into  
trial production by the middle of 1963,  
well in advance of the commencement  
of exports, viz, early 1964.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** From the state-  
ment I find that construction of 430 E  
and F type residential quarters has  
reached an advanced stage. May I  
know what about other types of  
quarters and how the electricity re-  
quirements of the quarters and of the  
project will be met?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** There are diffi-  
culties in the availability of materials.  
That is why there is some delay in  
completing the construction of all the  
residential quarters. We are doing  
whatever is possible to expedite it.  
I hope most of the houses will be  
completed very soon.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know  
how many operators, junior supervi-  
sors and technical personnel have  
already been trained in the institute  
there and whether we will require to  
have recruitment from outside also

when the project will run in full course?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** No. We shall not require any trained personnel from outside except some Japanese who are just now assisting us in the development of the mine. Even they might have to go away because in mining iron ore, we do not require any special know-how to be imported.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** The project is likely to be completed by 1963 middle and exports will start in early 1964. May I know if there is any proposal before Government how to use the ore after the completion of the project up to 1964, which means about 6 months will be left in the hands of the Government?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** This project has been mainly planned to export 2 million tons from 1964. As a matter of fact, we have got about 45,000 and odd tons while in the process of removing over-burden. We have got the iron ore. If some of our steel plants need them, we can surely supply. Such temporary and *ad hoc* supply of iron ore for any project does not go very far. Either it has to be permanent or not permanent. We are also considering as to whether we can make any permanent arrangement with any national parties for the disposal of iron ore. We do not require that.

**Shri Swell:** Some weeks ago, there was a sort of a riot in this area resulting in the death of a number of workers. The riot was between tribal workers and non-tribal workers. In view of the strained relationship prevailing between tribal workers and non-tribal workers in the area, will it in any way come in the way of the progress of this project?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** It is most unfortunate that some tension between adivasis and non-Adivasis has resulted in some unfortunate incidents. But, we do not think that this is likely to

continue. Things have got on very well now and normal work has proceeded. If there is any ground for any suspicion of tension between the groups of people, Government and the local project authorities will do everything possible to remove all these tensions.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** May I know whether the quality of this ore has been tested and how it has proved when compared with other ores available in the area and whether attempts are made to transform it into iron and steel?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** No; all necessary tests, both quantitative as well as qualitative have been completed, and agreements reached for the export of iron ore to Japan from the Kiriburu project. So, there is no further need for any examination. We know the quality of the ore, and nothing more is needed.

**Shri Kapur Singh:** I want to ask a question which is slightly different from that put by Shri Swell. May I know whether it is true that the major blockage to the progress of the project is the inveterate hostility of the local population to the Punjabi Sikh workers there?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** We have gone ahead with the scheme. The scheme is being worked somewhat ahead of our targets. We can start production of iron ore a couple of months hence. So, I do not know where the obstruction comes.

#### Extension Services Programme in Secondary Schools

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\*801. { Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:  
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the extension services programme launched for Secondary Schools;