

ing powers to the rural Branch Managers so that majority of loan applications are sanctioned at branch level itself.

### **Setting up of Institute of Plantation Management in Kerala**

9612. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have requested the Union Government for setting up of a Institute of Plantation Management in the State and have also offered land of the proposed Institute;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). There was a request from the Government of Kerala for setting up the proposed Institute of Plantation Management in the State. The Government of Kerala has also offered all necessary assistance for this purpose. However, the Institute is to be set up the Plantation Industry and not by the Government. The body identified by the Industry for coordinating all the activities regarding setting up of the Plantation Management Institute would decide on the location of the Institute after taking into account all the relevant factors in the matter.

### **Export of Iron Ore**

9613. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce a fresh policy on iron ore exports;

(b) if so, the salient features of the policy;

(c) whether the Government have also decided to ban the export of high grade Bailadilla iron ores;

(d) if so, the manner in which Government propose to honour the export commitment with Japan; and

(e) the amount of foreign exchange likely to be lost by the country is iron ore is not exported to Japan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). As per the Exim Policy for 1992-97, export of iron ore except iron ore of Goan and Radi origin and iron ore concentrates and pellets produced by KIOC is canalised through MMTC. Iron ore on Goan origin when exported to Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, china and Europe and of Redi origin to all destinations, is allowed directly subject to registration of constricts with Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association. KIOCL is allowed to export its products, namely, iron ore concentrates and pellets directly.

(c) and (d). Government has decided the commitments already made are allowed to be honoured.

(e) Iron ore worth about Rs. 839 crores is estimated to have been exported to Japan during 1991-92.

[Translation]

### **Export of Iron Ore**

9614. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:  
SHRI. MOHAMMAD ALI  
ASHRAF FATMI:  
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH  
SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to control the export of high grade iron-ore in future;

(b) if no, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the reserves of iron ore are in abundance in the country and if so, the total quantity assessed thereof;

(d) the annual production of iron-ore in the country during the last three years and the export made out of total production;

(e) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(f) the average percentage of high grade iron-ore exported during the above period?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE**

Year	Production (in MTs)	Exports (in MTs)	Value] (in Rs. crore)
1989-90	55.4	35.56	927.56
1990-91	54.8	32.49	1,049.13
1991-92 (April-Dec. 91)	39.5	21.05	1,032.22

(f) The average percentage of high grade iron ore exported during the last three year was as under:-

1989-90	16.27%
1990-91	15.57%
1991-92 (Provisional)	14.51%

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). As per Exim policy 1992-97, export of iron ore except iron ore of Goan and Redi origin and iron ore concentrate and pellets produced by NIOCL is canalised thro' MMYC. Iron ore of Goan origin when exported to Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, China and Europe and of Redi origin to all destinations, is allowed directly subject to registration of contracts with Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association. KIOCL is allowed to export its products, namely, iron concentrates and pellets directly.

(c) Recoverable reserves of iron ore as on 1.1.1985 (both hematite ore and magnetite ore) are estimated at 11,976.62 million tonnes.

(d) and (e). Production and exports of iron and the amount foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years are estimated to have been as under:-

[English]

**Production of Picture Tubes by Bes**

9615. SHRI SANDIPAN BHAGWAN THORAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of picture tubes in Bharat Electronics Limited during the last three years vis-a-vis total production in the country and imports;