

### Installed Production Capacity of Iron Ore

4025. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the installed production capacity of iron ore as on April 1, 1990 and actual production during 1990-91;

(b) the quantity utilised internally and exported during 1990-91;

(c) the per unit foreign exchange earning during 1990-91 and the average price in the international market;

(d) whether any long term agreement has been made with foreign countries for export of iron ore; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the quantities involved and the price escalation clause if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The installed production capacity of iron ore of the mines of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) and Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) as on April 1, 1990 is 33 million tonnes. Information relating to private sector is not maintained by Indian Bureau of Mines.

The production of iron ore in the country during 1990-91 was 54.7 million tonnes.

(b) The quantity utilised internally during 1990-91 was 22.3 million tonnes of iron ore. The quantity exported was 31.1 million tonnes.

(c) The per unit foreign exchange earning during 1990-91 is as follows:

MMTC: Rs. 368.70 per tonne.

KIOCL: Rs. 288.00 per tonne of concentrates.

Rs. 634.00 per tonne of pellets.

The average international market price is dependent on various factors like shipping facilities, ocean freight etc. and therefore there is no average international price for iron ore.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The following long-term agreements/MOUs have been concluded:

#### (i) MMTC

Country	Period	Quantity (Million tonnes per annum)
Japan (iron ore)	5 years from 1st April, 1991.	8.5 to 10.5
S. Korea (iron ore)	4 years from 1989-90	3.55
Pakistan (iron ore)	Oct. 1987 to August, 1992	4.80 million tonnes for the year 1990-91.

#### (ii) Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd.

##### (a) Concentrates

Japan	1991-95	2.75 to 2.85.
Iran	about 25 million tonnes over a period of 15 years.	Quantity & Price to be settled every year.

##### (b) Pellets

Australia	1991-1994	0.3
Japan	1991-1995	0.28 to 0.4
Hungary	1991-1994	0.6
Indonesia	1990-1994	0.2 to 0.3

Prices are settled annually.

#### Allocation for Development of Telephone System in Kerala

4026. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Union Government for the development to telephone system in Kerala during the last three years;

(b) the progress made in this regard during those years;

(c) whether more development works in the field of telephones are proposed for Kerala during 1991-92; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The expenditure year-wise is as follows:—

1988-89	Rs.118.09 crores
1989-90	Rs.183.87 "
1990-91	Rs.170.17 "

(b) The progress made during these years is as under:—

1988-89 The switching capacity lines added 28525.

—The net telephone connections provided 24114.

—Stations connected to TAX network 17.

- 1989-90 The switching capacity lines added 21813.  
—Net Telephone connections provided 22558.  
—Stations brought under NSD/ISD network 15.
- 1990-91 The switching capacity lines added 35417.  
—Net telephone connections provided 28819.  
—Stations brought under NSD/ISD network 25.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Plans for the year 1991-92:—

- Switching capacity lines to be added 77403.  
—Net telephone connections to be provided 40445.  
—Stations to be provided with STD facility 40.

[Translation]

**Financial Assistance to Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi (Bihar)**

4027. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUHDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the quantum of assistance sought and given under the 'Establishment and Development of Agricultural Universities' to Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi, Bihar during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): Sir, The details of funds asked for and amount released to Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi, Bihar during the last three years are as follows:—

Year	Demand	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
1988-89	NH	14.105
1989-90	NH	32.00
1990-91	NH	35.00

**Plantation of Oil Palm Trees**

4028. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee had identified certain areas in the country for plantation of Oil Palm trees in 1986;

(b) if so, the details of the areas identified;

(c) the steps taken by the Government

to encourage plantation of Oil Palm trees at Konkan region; and

(d) the schemes formulated for plantation of high yielding Oil Palm trees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Expert Committee identified 5.75 lakh ha. in nine States suitable for oil palm cultivation. The details are as follows:

State	Area (Lakh Ha.)
Andhra Pradesh	2.50
Assam	0.10
Karnataka	2.50
Kerala	0.05
Maharashtra	0.10
Orissa	0.10
Tamil Nadu	0.25
Tripura	0.05
West Bengal	0.10
Total	5.75

(c) and (d) The Government of India jointly with Government of Maharashtra has launched the oil palm demonstration project in the Konkan region (Sindhudurg district) of Maharashtra to demonstrate the feasibility of oil palm cultivation under irrigated conditions over an area of about 1000 ha. Oil palm nurseries have been established with elite, high yielding hybrid seeds both from imported and indigenous sources. The total field planted area is about 700 ha. so far and the remaining area is being field planted during this monsoon.

[English]

**Ongoing Irrigation Projects in Rajasthan**

4029. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of the ongoing irrigation projects in Rajasthan; and

(b) the present position of those projects and the time by which those are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) A statement regarding major/medium ongoing irrigation projects of Rajasthan is attached.