

Geological Survey of India has also carried out exploration for gold and iron-ore in Kerala during 1965-1978.

So far the following reserves of iron ore and gold have been estimated :

Mineral	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Area
Iron-ore	882.9 (with 31 to 41% iron)	Khozikode and Mallapuram districts.
Gold ore (placer)	30 million cubic metres of gravels with an average grade of 0.1 gm of gold per cubic metres of gravels.	Nilambur valley
Gold (Primary)	3.0 lakh tonnes of ore with an average grade of 4 gm. of gold per tonne of ore.	-do-

(a) and (d). The State Government of Kerala proposes to take up pilot scale mining to establish the commercial viability of mining of alluvial gold deposits and is in contact with the Government of India regarding the financing of this project. Presently there is no proposal for commercial exploitation of the iron-ore deposits, which are of low grade.

Infra-Structural Projects for Falta Export Processing Zone In West Bengal

6005. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any time-bound action plan has been drawn up by Union Government to implement all the infrastructural projects for the Falta Export Processing Zone (FEPZ) in West Bengal ; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof and the target date set in this behalf ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI PA SANGMA): (a) and (b). The construction of boundary wall is expected to be completed by end of 1985. Other essential facilities such as construction of Standard Design Factory (SDF)

administrative buildings besides provision of power, drainage, sewerage, drinking water, roads etc. are targetted to be completed by the middle of 1986.

[Translation]

Benefit to Small Exporters Through Programmes of Trade Development Authority.

6006. SHRI MOHAR SINGH RATHORE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to State :

(a) the total annual estimated expenditure of the Trade Development Authority ;

(b) whether the gains accruing to country's export trade from this Authority are commensurate with its expenditure ;

(c) if so, the details of gains accruing to the country ;

(d) the number of sub-offices of this Authority ;

(e) the programme of the Authority for providing incentives to small exporters ;

(f) whether small exporters have really been benefited by this programme ; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) (a) The expenditure of TDA during 1983-84 was Rs. 1.83 crores, besides assistance from certain international trade promotion agencies for specific export promotion activities, which amounted to US\$ 9.71 lakhs during this year. Figures of expenditure during 1984-85 are not yet available.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Some of the events organised by the Authority, such as business delegations, buyer-seller meets, etc bring quantifiable gains. In 1983-84, implementation of these programmes resulted in business potential of about Rs. 50 crores including spot orders valued at about Rs. 17 crores. The activities of the Authority also include provision of export infrastructure facilities to exporters. The gains from these activities although not quantifiable are constantly being evaluated with a view to ensuring that they are commensurate with the expenditure.

(d) Besides its Head office in New Delhi, TDA has four Regional offices at Bombay, Calcutta, Bangalore and Kanpur. It has also five foreign offices in Federal Republic of Germany (Frankfurt), USA (New York), Japan (Tokyo), Liberia (Monrovia) and Sweden (Stockholm).

(e) to (g). Small exporters are covered by all programmes of the Authority and have been benefited. The programmes include providing trade information to exporters through its centre located at Delhi and sub-offices, catalogue shows organised at various places in India to help small exporters to get upto date information on export markets, research and analysis of export related activities, dissemination of information relating to supply capability of select Indian exporters assistance to exporters under the Package Servicing Plan and participation

in export marketing and export production activities by small exporters who form nearly 60 percent of the regular membership of the Authority. Assistance to selected small scale units who are not currently exporting in entering the export market through a package of services is also provided.

Share of North-Eastern Region in Deposits and Distributed of Nationalised Banks

5007. SHRI MOHAR SINGH RATHORE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total deposit of nationalised banks during the past five years ;

(b) the share of North-Eastern Region and desert areas therein and the amount of loans distributed in these areas ;

(c) whether it is a fact that deposits exceed the amount of loan disbursed ;

(d) if so, Government's policy in this regard ;

(e) whether adequate applications are not being received for loans or there is delay or hindrance at bank level; and

(f) the steps being taken to encourage setting up of industries etc. in adivasi areas and desert areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY) : (a) Aggregate deposit (excluding inter bank deposits) of Public Sector Banks (S. B. I. Group + 20 Nationalised Banks) during the last five years were as follows :

As on the last Friday of December	Amount (Rs. crores)
1980	33532
1981	40808
1982	47153
1983	55311
1984*	63102

*Provisional