

(c) the steps taken to bring down the transport costs and to solve other problems; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The iron ore industry is faced with reduced demand from integrated steel plants within the country due to increased availability from their captive mines and the limited scope for increase in exports due to stagnation in growth of world steel production.

(c) and (d). Attempts are being made to reduce ocean freight by deepening ports to accept larger vessels and containing the increase in Railway freight charges.

[Translation]

Loss of crop due to Tiptia weed

5682. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Tiptia weed causes a heavy damage to Khariff crop in hill areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether there is any technique available to destory this weed; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to destory this weed completely ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Tiptia Weed (*Desmodium triflorum*) is one of the comonly found weeds in billy regions of U. P. If left uncontrolled it can cause some damage to the crops.

(b) and (c). There is no *specialised* tecnieque for its control. It can be controlled by clean cultivation followed by weeding and hoeing. Post emergence application of 2,4-D is effective against this weed.

[English]

Allotment of plots to slum dwellers in Delhi

5683. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of people living in juggies in Delhi since 1980;

(b) whether Government propose to rehabilitate them; and

(c) if so, the number of plots allotted to such persons so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Although no recent survey has been carried out, it was estimated that there were about 2 lakh jhuggis in Delhi in May 1986.

(b) and (c). Only old and established jbuggi dwellers are provided alternative sites on their removal. Over 2 lakh such families have been resettled in various resettlement colonies/transit camps since 1960.

Availability of iron ore

5684. SHRI KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of iron ore available per annum in the country;

(b) the quantity of iron ore exported every year and the names of the countries the iron ore;

(c) whether Government propose to restrict the export of iron ore; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The production of iron ore in the country during