

of 8.5 lakh tonnes of siliceous Iron ore north east of Ajana with an average Fe content of 52%. The Central Government has no proposal at present for taking up extraction of iron ore from these deposits.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Bihar

1145. SHRI LALL BABU RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop modernise telephone exchanges in Bihar during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Bihar mostly by replacement with Electronic Exchanges during the 8th Five Year Plan is planned as under:

-Achieve full automisation of Telephone Exchanges (Target has already been achieved during the current year).

-replace all life expired and worn out switches as and when they become life expired.

-replace all stronger MAX-III and MAX-TI exchanges by electronic exchanges (as part of the programme to provide NSD to all exchanges).

[English]

Guidelines for Setting up of Iron and Steel Plants

1146. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been issued for setting up iron and steel plants based on different processes to attract private entrepreneurs in the steel sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reactions of the entrepreneurs thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b), A set of "Guidelines for Entrepreneurs in Iron and Steel Industry" were issued in October, 1992. The guidelines provide entrepreneurs in the iron and steel sector comprehensive information on the policy framework, demand projections, availability of essential raw materials, infrastructural facilities, possible locations, technological capabilities existing within the country, requirement of environmental clearance for iron and steel projects, etc. Entrepreneurs have evinced keen interest in these guidelines.

[Translation]

New Irrigation Policy to Bihar Farmers

1147. SHRITEJNARAYAN SINGH: SHRIMATI SURYA KANTA PATIL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for inclusion of farmers in the implementation of National Irrigation Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have approved the policies adopted by the Governments of Bihar, Gujarat and Maharashtra in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) and (b). The existing centrally sponsored Command Area Development Programme provides for active participation of farmers in the irrigation water management. A draft approach paper on Irrigation management policy prepared by the Ministry also provides for active participation of the farmers in irrigation management and turning over of tertiary system management to water users association.

(c) and (d) No formal documents from Bihar, Gujarat and Maharashtra have been received in this regard. However, they are working under the overall policy guidance provided by the Ministry.

[English]

Promotion of Golf Courses in Goa

1148. SHRI HARISH NARAYNA PRABHUZANTYE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of golf course in the country owned and maintained by his Tourism Department and maintenance grant provided therefore and by other organisations alongwith average maintenance cost for golf courses;

(b) the special efforts made/proposed for promotion of golf courses in the contra by his Tourism Department for the development of golf and for the promotion of tourist in the country and Goa in particular;

(c) whether the Government of Goa sought any expert advice of the Union Government authorities in the matter for selection of sites for two golf courses in Goa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA)

(a) The Central Department of Tourism does not own or maintain or provide any maintenance grant to any Golf course in the country.

(b) The Central Department of Tourism has set up a Golf promotion Committee, which has identified 20 golf courses for development in a phased manner. Goa is one of the places identified by the Committee. To protean golf tourism in the international market, a brochure has also been brought out.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.