Investment by USA in Mining Sector

6437. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a US delegation visited India during the month of February, 1993 to explore avenues for investment in mining sector:
- (b) if so, whether any agreement was reached and signed; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALARAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

Letters of Intent for Alumina

6438. SHRILOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have granted letters of intent for setting up of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units in Orissa to manufacture alumina in the private sector; and
- (b) if so, the details of the manufacturers and total capacity of the proposed units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALARAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). The Government has approved the following projects in the Private Sector for setting up of the 100 per cent export oriented units for alumina in the State of Orissa.

S.No.	Name of Party	Capacity (lakh T.P.A.)	
(i)	M/s. Larson & Toubro	10.0	
(ii)	M/s. Indian Aluminium Company Limited.	10.00	
(iii)	M/s. Karnataka Telecables Limited	5.0	

Workers in Coal Mines in Raigarh District

6439. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of coal mines located in Raigarh district of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (b) the number of workers working in those mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRYOF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b). There are four small

operating mines in Raigarh district of Madhya Pradesh and the total number of personnel working in these mines is 171.

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Use of Rubber Bullets/Water Crane

6440. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered the use of rubber bullets/water crane during riots; and