

(Lakh tonnes)

Year	Production	Despatches (for Internal consumption)	Exports
1991-92	16.40	14.54	2.60
1992-93	18.70	15.58	2.23
1993-94	17.81	14.68	2.49

(b) and (c) As may be seen from the statement given above, there has not been any consistent decrease in the production and export of manganese ore.

(d) At present, the production of manganese ore is adequate to meet the existing demand, efforts have, however, been made to locate new reserves of manganese ore by taking up the exploratory work, utilisation of low grade ores etc.

For giving a boost to the exports of manganese ore from the year 1993-94 Government has fixed the ceilings for export of manganese ore for three years instead of one year earlier. Under the new Export Import (EXIM) Policy w.e.f. 1.4.94 Manganese Ore (India) Limited has been allowed to export manganese ore (produced from its mines) directly, though MMTC remains the main canalising agency for export of manganese ore.

IFC Loan to Andhra Pradesh

2195. SHRI D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Finance Corporation (IFC) has approved investment in DVK Industries to build power plants in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the total loan provided by the IFC;

(c) the time by which the agreement in setting up the power plants is likely to be reached; and

(d) the details of generation capacity of each of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (b). Ms GVK Industries Ltd who are setting up Jegurupadu Gas based Power Project in Andhra Pradesh, have intimated that IFC has sanctioned foreign currency loan of US Dollars 110 million and also agreed to participate to the extent of US Dollar 8.3 million in the equity of the project.

(c) The modified Power Purchase Agreement between the APSEB and GVK has been signed on 4.7.1994.

(d) The generating capacity of the project plant is 235 MW.

National Highways in Madhya Pradesh

[Translation]

2196. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposals have been received by the Government for the