

Exploitation of Minerals in M.P.

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Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal, iron, corundum, tin, dolomite, copper, diamond and lime stone extracted from the mines by Union Government in Madhya-Pradesh during the period from 1984 to December 1989, year-wise and their market value at that time; and

(b) the amount of royalty paid to the Madhya Pradesh Government on these minerals during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No mining operation is usually undertaken by the Union Government directly.

During the period from 1984 to December, 1989, the Union Government has not taken up any such mining operation in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Royalty is payable only by the lease holder to the State Government. In view of the answer to part (a) of the question, the question of payment of any royalty by the Union Government to the Government of Madhya Pradesh does not arise.

[English]

Export of Iron Ore to Japan from Bastar

10574. SHRI RESHAM LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by Government by exporting iron ore from Bastar to Japan

during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken to increase the rate of export of iron ore from Bastar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Sale value of Bailadila Iron Ore from Bastar region exported by MMTC to Japan during the last three years has been as under:—

Year	Value (Rs./Cr)
1987-88	119.69
1988-89	163.42
1989-90 (Provisional)	203.83

(b) Export Commitments for Bailadila iron ore lumps from Bastar have been reduced for the year 1990-91 on account of domestic demand for this type of ore.

[Translation]

Gold Reserves in Madhya Pradesh

10575. SHRI RESHAM LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people are obtaining gold by seiving river sand in certain villages in Raipur and Raigarh districts of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Geological Survey of India had ever made any efforts to explore gold in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the names of places and the outcome thereof?