

steel plates/sheets required for the manufacture and maintenance of railway wagons/coaches. These supplies to the Railways have been progressively on the increase as the following statement will show :

1982-83	96,700 tonnes
1983-84	1,23,300 tonnes
1984-85	1,27,900 tonnes
(Provisional)	

SAIL developed weather resistance steel which is equivalent to railway's corten steel for the manufacture of railway wagons. This steel will require further development and tests before it can be supplied to the Railways on a regular basis.

**Fire in Coal handling Plant in Jayant Coal Mine in Sidhi District of Madhya Pradesh**

5207. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a loss of one crore rupees has been suffered due to mysterious fire in the Rs. 18 crore coal handling plant under construction in Jayant Coal Mine in Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the causes of this fire;

(c) whether Government have ordered an enquiry into it;

(d) if so, the time by which this enquiry is likely to be completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (e). On 23rd March, 1985 at about 9.00 PM there was an incident of fire in the main conveyor system of the Coal Handling Plant at the Jayant Opencast mine in the Singrauli coalfield in Sidhi District (Madhya Pradesh). This part of the coal handling plant is being constructed by the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi (a Public Sector Enterprise) on turnkey basis. The Central Coalfields Limited have set up an enquiry Committee to investigate into the cause of fire and to assess the extent of loss due to fire and to suggest remedial measures. The

details will be known after the enquiry report is available.

**Better Trade Relations between Malaysia and India**

5208. SHRI HARIHAR SOKEN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Malaysia has expressed its desire to narrow down the existing trade gap between the two countries (India and Malaysia);

(b) whether Malaysia proposes to import more and more items from India for that purpose;

(c) if so, the items on which Malaysia proposes to establish better trade relationship; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (b). During his visit to India in March 1985, the Malaysian Minister for Primary Industries stated that Malaysia would explore the possibilities of additional imports from India, including items like wheat, iron ore, rice, and manufactured goods.

*[Translation]*

**Survey of Mineral Deposits in Bihar**

5209. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which mineral deposits in Bihar State have been surveyed;

(b) the district-wise results of such surveys; and

(c) whether Union Government have a proposal for intensive survey of mineral resources available in abundance in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). Based on the investigation carried out for various minerals in Bihar by Geological Survey of India and State Government, the estimated reserves of major minerals in various districts of Bihar are furnished in the statement attached.

(c) A large number of minerals in Bihar, diamonds, are being investigated by Geological Survey of India during 1984-85 field season. which include coal, basemetals, fireclay, mica, apatite, kyanite, gold and source rocks for

**Statement**

*The estimated reserves of major minerals in various districts of Bihar*

Name of Mineral	Estimated reserves (in lakh tonnes)	Name of District
1	2	3
Coal	1,95,216.4	Dhanbad
	46,169.2	Giridih
	2,19,367.5	Hazaribagh
	81,010.2	Santhal Parganas
	15,269.7	Palamau
<b>Total :</b>	5,57,033.0	
Manganese ore	1.4	Singhbhum
Iron ore	35,714.5	Singhbhum
Chromite	4.6	Singhbhum
Limestone	673.1	Hazaribagh
	1,965.2	Palamau
	426.9	Ranchi
	2,894.3	Rohtas
	770.0	Singhbhum
<b>Total :</b>	6,729.5	
Dolomite	345.7	Palamau
Vanadiferous titaniferous magnetite	11.18	Singhbhum
Copper ore	2,146.3	Singhbhum
	5.0	Hazaribagh
<b>Total :</b>	2,151.3	

1	2	3
Bauxite	15.1	Monghyr
	31.1	Palamau
	558.1	Ranchi
	128.3	Santhal Parganas
	<b>Total :</b>	<u>732.6</u>
Fire Clay	56.4	Palamau
	90.1	Dhanbad
	0.7	Singhbhum
	86.9	Hazaribagh
	5.6	Giridih
	22.9	Ranchi
	58.3	Santhal Parganas
<b>Total :</b>	<u>320.9</u>	
China clay	126.3	Singhbhum
	195.8	Santhal Paraganas
	0.1	Manghyr
	13.6	Ranchi
	13.1	Bhagalpur
<b>Total :</b>	<u>348.9</u>	
Asbestos	1.18	Singhbhum
Apatite	17.8	Singhbhum
Pyrite	203.3	Rohtas
Kyanite	0.9	Singhbhum
Graphite	51.3	Palamau
Andalusite	13.0	Palamau
Vormiculite	30,48 (tonnes)	Hazaribagh
Bentonite	1.0	Santhal Parganas
Silica sand	1,508.8	Santhal Parganas
Barytes	0.14	Palamau
	0.04	Singhbhum
<b>Total :</b>	<u>0.18</u>	

1	2	3
Mica	Reserve not estimated	Hazaribagh, Gaya, Monghyr, Palamau, Ranchi, Singhbhum, Bhagalpur and Dhanbad.

[*Translation*]

**Financial Assistance to Persons Under  
I.R.D.P. in Bihar**

5210. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any instructions to the nationalised banks in Bihar in regard to the grant of financial assistance to the persons to be benefited under the Integrated Rural Development Programme;

(b) if so, the number of the bank branches opened in Bihar, district-wise, for granting financial assistance in the State; and

(c) whether Government have asked for a report about the number of beneficiaries in the State who received assistance from various banks during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). Reserve Bank of India has been issuing instructions to banks from time to time for providing an easy and adequate flow of credit under the Integrated Rural Development Programme. All bank branches operating in Bihar State are expected to provide credit to identified rural poor families falling in their jurisdiction under IRDP.

(c) The Government have been receiving monthly progress reports according to which 12.83 lakhs beneficiaries have received assistance in Bihar under the Integrated Rural Development Programme during the last three years (till February, 1985).

**Loan Disbursed by Branches of Nationalised  
Banks in Gaya District of Bihar**

5211. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received by various nationalised banks in Gaya district (Bihar) during the period from January, 1983 to March, 1985 seeking 4 per cent differential rate of interest loans under the 20-Point Programme;

(b) the number of applications out of them against which loans were advanced, the number of applications rejected and the number of those under consideration;

(c) the amount of loan actually disbursed by each bank; and

(d) the amount of loan targeted for distribution under the above programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). The present data reporting system for the public sector banks under Differential Rate of Interest Scheme does not yield the information in the manner asked for. However, a statement showing bank-wise position of number of accounts and amount outstanding in Bihar State under the DRI Scheme as on December, 1983 (Provisional) is attached.

(d) Under the DRI Scheme, outstanding advances of public sector banks have to reach a minimum level of 1% of total advances outstanding at the end of previous year. No State-wise targets have been prescribed.