

Free Trade Zone at Visakhapatnam

995. SHRI S.M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have re-examined the question of setting up a Free Trade Zone at Visakhapatnam in the light of the latest policies of Government;

(b) if so, the present position thereof and the advantage in doing so; and

(c) what are the working results of other Free Trade Zones in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b). Due to resources constraints, it has not been feasible so far to include any new export processing Zone scheme in the 7th Five Year Plan programme. In case it is decided to have any other new Zones, the claim of Visakhapatnam would be considered alongwith other proposals.

(c) The two existing and functioning export processing zones at Kandla and Santacruz registered during 1984-85 exports of Rs. 238.74 crores and Rs. 95.83 crores respectively for new Zones are in the process of being established :

- (i) Falta Export Processing Zone, Falta (West Bengal).
- (ii) Madras Export Processing Zone, Madras.
- (iii) Cochin Export Processing Zone, Cochin.
- (iv) NOIDA Export Processing Zone, NOIDA (U.P.)

Procurement of Iron-ore by Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation from Daitari in Orissa

996. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of iron-ore procured by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation for export purpose from

Daitari-Tomka sector in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) the name of the country to which iron ore procured from Daitari is exported at present; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the procurement of iron ore for Daitari-Tomka sector by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation for export ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) The total quantity of iron ore procured by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation for export purposes from Daitari Tomka sector in Orissa, during the last three years and upto October this year are as follows :

Year	Qty. (in Lakh tonnes)
1982-83	1.29
1983-84	0.53
1984-85	2.56
1985-86 (upto 31-10-85)	1.93 (Provisional)

(b) Iron Ore procured from Daitari is blended with ore procured from other mines in Barajamda Sector and then exported through Paradip to various countries like GDR, Japan, South Korea, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, China, etc to meet sale commitments.

(c) The Minerals Trading Corporation has removed quota restrictions on procurement of iron ore from Daitari-Tomka sector and the quantities offered for supply are purchased by MMTS subject to iron ore conforming to quality specifications.

Chit Fund Companies

997. SHRI MOANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of chit fund companies running legally in the country;

(b) the details of such companies which are running illegally;