

(c) To ensure proper exploitation of Chromite deposits, Indian Bureau of Mines, an Organisation under this Department regularly inspect Chromite Mines and carry out various studies and offer suggestions for systematic mining benefiting low grade ores and conservation etc. Chromite is utilised in the production of Charge Chrome, Ferro Chrome, Refractories, Chemicals and Paints.

(d) Total estimated deposits of Chromite located in other States and Union Territories is as follows :-

Bihar	2 lakh tonnes
Karnataka	14 lakh tonnes
Maharashtra	1.6 lakh tonnes
Tamil Nadu	13 lakh tonnes

Small quantities of Chromite deposits have been located in Andhra Pradesh and Manipur also.

#### Hike in Steel Prices

4661. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA ;  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU ;  
SHRI P.R.S. VENKATESAN ;  
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering some financial package to provide relief to the steel industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### T.V. Centres in Andhra Pradesh

4662. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY ; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a new Television relay centre at Hindupur in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the time by which the television relay centre at Anantpur in Andhra Pradesh is likely to be upgraded ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the present indications, the project is expected to be completed by the end of VII plan period.

[Translation]

#### ICAR Research Centres

4663. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN ; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new research centres proposed to be opened by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research during the Seventh Five Year Plan and the proposed locations thereof ;

(b) the number of research centres being run by ICAR, State-wise ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of agricultural research centres opened in Madhya Pradesh is less as compared to the other States ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) List of 38 new schemes proposed to be operated during VII Plan and their respective locations are given in the Statement-I given below. .

(b) State-wise distribution of schemes other than new proposals of the Seventh Plan, on the basis of Headquarters locations, is given in the Statement II given below.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.