

[English]

**Building of Ships for Defence Services
at Cochin Shipyard**

5080. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for building ships for Defence services at the Cochin Shipyard; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). The Indian Navy have carried out certain preliminary design studies for the possible construction of a suitable indigenous aircraft carrier. When the on-going studies are completed it would be possible to select a shipyard and place orders for indigenous construction.

**Procurement of Wooden Sleepers from
State Governments**

5081. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government in procuring wooden sleepers from various states during last three years; and

(b) the target of procuring sleepers from the Onssa Forest Development Corporation, during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs.209 crores approximately during the last three Sleeper Years (Sleeper Year being from 1st November to 31st October of the next year).

(b) The Commitments as well as approximate supplies made by Orissa Forest Development Corporation during the last three Sleeper Years are as under:

Year	Commitments (in numbers)	Supplies (in numbers)
1984-85	4,55,000	3,06,000
1985-86	3,67,000	2,29,000
1986-87	3,29,000	2,04,000
Total	11,51,000	7,39,000

Mineral Based Industries

5082. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a greater necessity to promote mineral-based industries;

(b) if so, the emphasis given by his Ministry to set up more mineral-based industries;

(c) the number of mineral-based industries which have been set up in different States so far;

(d) the location thereof; and

(e) the number of mineral-based industries proposed to be set up during the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) Government are encouraging establishment of mineral based industries since Independence through successive Five Year Plans.

(b) Emphasis is being laid on completion of ongoing major projects like Vizag Steel Plant, Orissa Aluminium Complex and on consolidation and modernisation of existing mineral based industries. Stress is also being laid on exploration for locating and identifying mineral deposits suitable for exploitation.

(c) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.