

and the reasons for the decline;

(c) the details of other metals the production of which has declined and being imported to meet the demand; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase the production of these metals, particularly Mica by locating more deposits and mining them out?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). While there has been a general declining trend in production of mica owing to exhaustion of surface reserves in working mines and change of demand pattern, there has been recently an increase in the production of Waste & Scrap mica. The production during the last three years according to the latest available figures was as follows:—

(in tonnes)

Year	Crude	Waste & Scrap
1985	4820	2515
1986	4746	2773
1987	4240	6307

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Shifting of Mandovi pellets plant from Goa

10164. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited has decided to shift the Mandovi pellets plant from Goa; if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) whether this would result in re-trenchment of its workers; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Construction of Rural Link Roads during 1988-89

10165. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give any financial assistance for construction of rural link roads during the financial year 1988-89, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether any amount was utilised for this purpose by the States during the year 1986-87, if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the progress so far made in regard to the construction of roads, particularly in the States of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP-