

the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have made any allotment of nitrogenous fertilizers to Karnataka in 1987-88 upto date ;

(b) if so, the quantity thereof ; and

(c) whether the same was adequate to meet the State's requirements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). An allotment of 3,61,940 tonnes of nitrogenous fertilisers was made to Karnataka during the year 1987-88 (April, 1987 to March, 1988).

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Gap in Demand and Supply of Fertilizers to Karnataka**

2919. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any gap between the demand and supply of fertilizers during 1987-88 in so far as Karnataka State is concerned ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps recently to make the best possible use of traditional modes of manuring ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) (i) The State Governments have been advised to launch Programmes for larger and better utilisation of organic waste ; (ii) There is also a Centrally Assisted Programme on Rural Sanitation on which results in availability of digested night-soil for use as a manure.

**Development of Western Ghat for Tourism, Karnataka**

2920. SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA : Will the Minister of

TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop tourism in the Western Ghats, Karnataka ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the names of the places selected in Karnataka for this programme ;

(d) whether Chikkamagalur has been included in this scheme ; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). The Central Ministry of Tourism does not select places in States for creation of tourism infrastructure but provides financial assistance to States on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments. During the 7th Five Year Plan, the Ministry has sanctioned the following projects which are located on the Western Ghats :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the project	Amount sanctioned
1. Wayside facilities at Jogfalls	4.25
2. Restaurant and toilet facilities at Shringery	6.00
3. Wayside facilities at Agumbe	9.62

The Ministry has received a proposal from the Government of Karnataka for creation of Tourist facilities at Chickmagalur. The proposal will be taken up for financial assistance in 1988-89 subject to merits of the proposal, availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

**New Price of Steel Products**

2921. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether new prices for various steel items have been refixed after the recent increase in steel price ;

(b) whether new prices were fixed in consultation with the joint plant committee ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and percentage of increase in each steel item ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). The Joint Plant Committee had increased the average price of steel by about 15.6% w.e.f. 24.12.1987. The details of JPC base price of steel (F.O.R. Rail-head Station) before and after the increase are indicated in the statement below :

Statement

*JPC base prices of Steel (F.O.R. Rail-head Station) before and after the revision on 24-12-1987*

			(Rs./tonne)
Category	Before revision	After revision	% increase
1	2	3	4
<b>Plates</b>			
5 to 10 mm	6360	7690	20.9
Above 10 mm	6780	8260	21.8
Structurals	6030	6550	8.6
Billets/R.C. Squares	4200	5050	20.2
Blooms	3840	4650	21.0
Slabs	4040	4850	20.0
<b>Bars and Rods</b>			
5.5 to 12 mm	5150	6000	16.5
Above 12 mm to 36 mm	4900	5750	17.3
Above 36 mm	5100	5800	13.7
<b>GP Sheets/Coils</b>			
16—20 G	7890	9060	14.8
Thinner than 20 G to 24 G	8900	9480	6.5
26 G	10550	9560	(—) 9.4
28 G/30 G	11390	9720	(—)14.7
<b>GC Sheets/Coils</b>			
16—20 G	7940	9110	14.7
Thinner than 20 G to 24 G	8950	9530	6.5
26 G	10600	9610	(—) 9.3
28 G/30 G	11440	9770	(—)14.6

	1	2	3	4
<b>HR Coils</b>				
3.15 mm and below		6190	7600	22.8
Above 3.15 mm to below 5 mm		6030	7479	23.9
<b>HR Sheets</b>				
1.6 mm to 1.0 mm		6790	8000	17.8
Thinner than 1.0 mm		7290	8500	16.6
<b>CR Coils</b>				
2.0 mm and thicker		7790	8780	12.7
1.0 mm to below 2.0 mm		8000	8990	12.4
Below 1.0 mm thickness		8330	9320	11.9
<b>CR Sheets</b>				
2.0 mm and thicker		7860	8850	12.6
1.0 mm to below 2.0 mm		8070	9060	12.3
Below 1.0 mm Thickness		8400	9390	11.8

#### Deposits of Mica and Manganese

2922. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has located deposits of mica and manganese in new mining areas ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether there are plans for opening of new mines for exploitation of these metals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) and (b). No mica deposit has been located in new mining areas. However, incidences of mica bearing pegmatites have been located by integrated geological, geophysical, geochemical surveys and follow-up drilling. In the recent past an additional resource of 26.49 Million tonnes of manganese ore has been established in parts of Bonai-Keonjhar belt of Bihar, Koraput-Alhadi Bolangir belt of Orissa and Bellary-Hospet belt of Karnataka.

Mica bearing pegmatite zones have been located in Kalichedu and Tatiparti-Ammavaripalem areas, of Nellore Mica Belt of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Investigations for these minerals are continuing and opening of new mines will depend on the outcome of the investigations.

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#### Supply of Substandard Seeds by NSC

2923. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether spurious foundation seeds were distributed by the National Seeds Corporation to the farmers in Delhi during the current year ;

(b) whether farmers have lodged complaints with the Corporation in the matter ;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard ; and

(d) the action taken in the matter ?