

(c) the reasons for fall in production and the steps Government propose to take to boost their production ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR) : (a) to

(c). The VII Plan targets and the anticipated achievement in respect of production of key minerals/non-ferrous metals as indicated in the Mid Term Appraisal of the VII Plan are as follows :

Mineral/Metal	Unit	Target (1989-90)	Anticipated achievement (1989-90)
Iron Ore and concentrate	Million tonnes	58.1	58.1
Aluminium	'000 tonnes	499	450
Copper refined	"	42.7	39.0
Zinc	"	89.0	83.0
Lead	"	27.0	27.0

It would be seen that there may not be any significant shortfall from the plan target.

The production of principal minerals for the period 1984 to 1987 is given in the statement below.

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It would be seen that there has been an increase in the production of bauxite, chromite, copper ore, iron ore, lead concentrate, zinc concentrate, gypsum and limestone. While the decline in production on gold and dolomite is marginal, there has been an appreciable decline in production of apatite and phosphorite and barytes which is essentially due to lack of adequate demand. Government is alive to the problems of the mining industry for meeting the domestic and export demand.

Involvement of Voluntary Organisations in Rural Development in Kerala

2421. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any voluntary/private organisations are engaged in rural development activities in Kerala ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether any financial assistance is

given to these organisations ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There are 151 voluntary organisations engaged in Rural Development activities in Kerala as per information available with this Department.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Financial assistance aggregating to Rs. 1.76 crores has been given to 45 such organisations by Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) for projects sponsored by the organisations under various schemes of Rural Development.

SC/ST Employees in Ministry of Steel and Mines

2422. SHRI RAM SWARUP RAM : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes employed in the Ministry in different categories out of the total strength of that Ministry ;

(b) whether the reservation quota prescribed for SCs/STs for employment has been fulfilled in the Ministry ; and