

(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.

(See columns 209-210).

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

Statement

The production of principal minerals during 1984 to 1987 are as under :

| Mineral | Unit of Quantity | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| 1. Bauxite | '000 tonnes | 2093 | 2281 | 2662 | 2779 |
| 2. Chromite | " | 459 | 569 | 630 | 624 |
| 3. Copper ore | " | 3923 | 4211 | 4462 | 5139 |
| 4. Gold | Kgs. | 1989 | 1853 | 1931 | 1864 |
| 5. Iron ore | Million tonnes | 42.31 | 44.09 | 48.8 | 49.4 |
| 6. Manganese Ore | '000 tonnes | 1147 | 1269 | 1284 | 1275 |
| 7. Lead (conc) | " | 35 | 35 | 44 | 47 |
| 8. Zinc (conc) | " | 86 | 87 | 90 | 105 |
| 9. Apatite & Phosphorite | " | 889 | 949 | 667 | 679 |
| 10. Asbestos | " | 27 | 30 | 27 | 27 |
| 11. Barytes | " | 468 | 589 | 337 | 212 |
| 12. Dolomite | " | 2383 | 2256 | 2208 | 2178 |
| 13. Gypsum | " | 1268 | 1291 | 1640 | 1734 |
| 14. Kyanite | " | 38 | 31 | 32 | 37 |
| 15. Magnesite | " | 420 | 421 | 460 | 420 |
| 16. Limestone | Million tonnes | 45.8 | 49.0 | 53.6 | 56.7 |
| 17. Steatite | '000 tonnes | 345 | 359 | 379 | 359 |

(c) if not, the steps being taken to fulfil the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI

YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The number of SCs/STs presently employed in different categories in the Ministry of Steel and Mines (excluding attached and subordinate offices) is given below :

| Category | Present strength | No. of employees of SCs/STs | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | | S.Cs. | S.Ts. |
| Group 'A' | 52 | 5 | 1 |
| Group 'B' (Gazetted and Non-Gazetted) | 167 | 18 | 2 |
| Group 'C' | 511 | 91 | 33 |
| Group 'D' | 169 | 65 | 12 |
| Total : | 899 | 179 | 48 |

(b) The prescribed quota for Scheduled Castes stands fulfilled for Groups 'C' and 'D' Categories. For Scheduled Tribes, the prescribed quota is almost fulfilled for Group 'C' Category. Quotas for other categories are not fulfilled.

(c) While filling the vacancies earmarked for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates, the guidelines laid down are followed. Liaison Officers have also been appointed to oversee the implementation of the orders of the Government in respect of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Literacy Projections Regarding Female Literacy

2423. **SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA-MURTY :**
SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) has made any projections regarding the achievement of cent per cent female literacy in various States in the country ;

(b) if so, the projections made by it, State-wise ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to step up the progress of female education in various States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The National Literacy Mission aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million illiterate persons in 15—35 age-group by 1995. The focus of NLM would be on rural areas, particularly women and persons belonging to SCs/STs. All States/UTs have been advised to take the following steps to ensure longer and better coverage of women :

- (i) Mobilisation of women adult learners for the Adult Education Centres in larger number ;
- (ii) Appointment of large number of women instructors even by relaxing the minimum qualifications ;
- (iii) Making arrangement for Continuing Education of such instructors so that they are equipped as good and competent instructors ;
- (iv) Substantial women's participation