

(c) if no steps have been taken so far, the reasons thereof and the likely date by which stalemate would be brought to an end?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c). Consequent upon setting up of an autonomous Organisation called Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, by the Government, for administration, and management of Nehru Yuva Kendras. all the then existing 248 Nehru Yuva Kendras were transferred to it in a phased manner during 1987-88. All the programme targets during 1987-88 were met by the Sangathan. The Sangathan is fully financed by the Government of India on meet the deficit basis and grants -in-aid as per budgetary provisions and norms are being released to the NYK Sangathan to under-take various youth programmes and to meet establishment expenditure. There is no problem because of funds.

Installed Capacity for Production of Aluminium

3242. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the present installed capacity for production of aluminium in the country;

(b) whether the possibility of India being surplus in aluminium metal from 1988-89 onwards for some years is gradually vanishing from the sight as production from the State owned Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) may come to complete halt due to non-availability of bauxite from its existing captive mines at Phutkaphar and Amarkantak; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to save BALCO from partial closure and ensure the availability of aluminium for domestic use?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND

MINES (SHRI M.L.FOTEDAR) : (a) The present installed capacity for production of primary aluminium in the country is 362,000 tonnes per annum, excluding that of National Aluminium Company (NALCO) which is under construction aiming at installation of an additional capacity of 218,000 tonnes per annum of primary aluminium.

(b) and (c). As per the present demand and supply projections, surplus availability of aluminium is expected to emerge towards the later part of the 7th plan period, and may last for a few years

It is true that the existing captive mines of BALCO at Amarkantak and Phutkaphar are not likely to last long. To ensure availability of bauxite for Korba plant of BALCO, the Gandhamardan Bauxite Project in Sambalpur district of Orissa was sanctioned by the Government in July 1982. Work on the project, however, has been held up due to local agitation since December, 1985. On the suggestion of the Govt. of Orissa, an expert committee headed by Dr. B.D. Nagchoudhuri was appointed by the Govt. of India. After an in-depth study of the impact of the proposed development of Gandhamardan Bauxite Project on ecology and environment of the area, the expert committee, inter alia, recommended that the "bauxite mines in Gandhamardan Hills be opened with as little delay as possible." The Committee also recommended to set up an Environmental Management Authority (E.M.A.) to ensure proper environmental protection measures. The E.M.A. has been set up and it has met on three occasions. Efforts are being made to resume work on the Project with the co-operation of the State Government.

USSR help for Manufacture of Iron Powder

3243. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USSR is likely to help India in manufacturing of iron powder;

(b) if so, the form of USSR participation in the development of this project; and

(c) the long term iron powder export pact likely to be entered into with the USSR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Preliminary discussions have been held with USSR regarding possible areas of collaboration for manufacture of iron powder; no final decision has so far been taken in the matter.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Illegal Felling of Trees by Naxalites in Andhra Pradesh

3245. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naxalites in Andhra Pradesh are engaged in illegal felling of trees from forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the concrete measures taken by Union Government to stop this illegal felling of trees from forests of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether Government propose to prepare a National Forest Policy; and

(e) if so, the time my which it will be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e). The revision of the National Forest policy is under consideration of the Government of India and is likely to be formulated soon.

[*Translation*]

Navodaya Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar

3246. SHRIMATI CHANDRA BHANU DEVI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas opened in Bihar during 1987-88; and

(b) the total number of the seats provided for students in these Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) A statement is given below.

(b) In each Navodaya Vidyalaya, there will be only two Sections of each class with sanctioned in take of 40 students in each Section whereas in Kendriya Vidyalaya in each section of each Class, the maximum number of students to be admitted is 35.

STATEMENT

Details of Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas Opened in Bihar During 1987-88

1. *Navodaya Vidyalayas*

1. BIT Mesra, Ranchi
2. Chaibasa Campus, Singhbhum
3. Rewar, Nawada
4. Shaktinagar, Bhagalpur
5. Rashtriya Sarvjanik Mela Bhawan Supaul, Saharsa
6. Mirzapur, Bandukhar (also known as Bishanpur), Begusarai