

(c) The Port Trust had imposed demurrage charges on the consignees for non-clearance of cargo within the stipulated period.

(d) No loss directly attributable to piling up of woollen rags at Bombay port Trust has been suffered by the Government.

Rich Reserve of Tungsten in U.P.

3261. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large and rich reserve of tungsten has been found in hill districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the quality and quantity of tungsten found there; and

(c) whether exploration to locate tungsten in Andhra Pradesh has also been undertaken, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). No Sir. However, an occurrence of low grade tungsten ore in the Almora District of Uttar Pradesh has been reported by the Directorate of Geology & Mining, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) has been carrying out survey for tungsten deposits in Burugubanda and Tapaskonda areas in East Godavari district on the basis of the earlier work by Geological Survey of India. As a result, two occurrences of Wolframite, one at Burugubanda of 550 metres strike length and another at Tapaskonda of about 1 kilometre strike length, have been reported.

Production of Fruits

3262. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as result of timely rains,

mango, lemons and other fruits have grown in abundance;

(b) if so, the State-wise production thereof;

(c) the extent to which such a production will ease the position of pickles and "Murabba" and "Chutney" in the country;

(d) whether there is any proposal to export these items to foreign countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Impact of timely rains on the production of mango, lemon and other fruits cannot be assessed as their production also depends on other factors like incidence of pest and diseases and other climatic conditions.

(c) Apart from the availability of raw materials, production of pickles, murabba and chutney depends mainly on the internal and external demand.

(d) Pickles, chutneys and preserves are already being exported to foreign countries.

(e) During the year 1987, the following quantities of chutneys, pickles and preserves were exported:-

	<i>Quantity (in tonnes) (Provisional)</i>
1. Chutneys	2336
2. Pickles	6277
3. Preserves	193

Distribution of Pig Iron

3263. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hitherto the Mineral and Metal Trading Corporation was both importing and distributing pig iron;

(b) whether recently Government have taken a decision to assign distribution activity to some other agency;

(c) if so, in what way the MMTC performance was found to be deficient; and

(d) in what way the introduction of the new agency will improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Minerals & Metal Trading Corporation (MMTC) was entrusted with the import of iron & steel materials from 1985-86. The imported pig iron was delivered directly by them to the indentors. The distribution of indigenously produced pig iron continues to be done by the producers themselves.

(b) It has been decided that MMTC would deliver the imported pig iron the SAIL on high seas for inland distribution.

(c) and (d). The imported pig iron would be pooled with indigenously produced pig iron to ensure equitable distribution within the country. SAIL as the major producer of pig iron in the country is able to adapt this system more effectively. The change is not related to any deficiency in the performance of MMTC.

Output Linked Bonus Scheme in Ports

3264. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced Output-Linked Bonus Scheme in major ports;

(b) if so, the names of the major ports where such scheme has been introduced so far; and

(c) whether the workers and employees of Paradip Port are also eligible to get the benefit under that scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). A Productivity Linked Bonus Scheme has been introduced in 1988 covering the bonus payable for 1987-88 onwards for the workers of the Major Ports of Bombay, Calcutta, Cochin, Mormugao, Madras, New Mangalore, Paradip, Tuticorin, Kandla and Visakhapatnam. Yes, Sir.

Acquisition of Art Objects

3265. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are acquiring art objects for the National Museum and other museums in the country;

(b) if so, the amount spent on the acquisition of art objects and sculptures etc., in last three years; (museum-wise); and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Branch Sales Offices and Stock Yards of SAIL

3266. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branch sales offices and stock yards of Steel Authority of India set up at different places of the country;