

[English]

Reference of Tibet in Prime Minister's Talks with Chinese leaders

1180. SHRI HET RAM:
SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI
KHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Prime Minister to China certain assurance was given to the Chinese Government on the Tibet issue;

(b) if so, the nature of the assurance given to the Chinese Government in this regard;

(c) whether the assurance given is a departure from the Government's earlier policy on the question of Tibet; and

(d) if so, the reasons for shift in Government's policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) (a) to (c) During the recent visit of the Prime Minister to China, it was reiterated that Government regard Tibet as an autonomous region of China. It was stated that activities incompatible with this position are not permitted on Indian soil. The above constitutes the consistent stand of the Government of India. There has been no change in this stand.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Crisis in BALCO

1181. Dr. PRABHAT KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited situated in Korba, Madhya Pradesh is likely to face crisis due to

suspension of supply of bauxite from Gandhamardan mines; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR) (a) and (b) The Captive mining sources of the Korba Aluminium Complex of BALCO at Amarkantak and Phulka Pahar in M.P. are getting depleted fast. To ensure availability of bauxite for Korba plant, the Gandhamardan Bauxite Project in Sambalpur district of Orissa was sanctioned by the Government in July '82. Work on the project, however, has been held up due to local agitation since Dec. '85. No bauxite mining has commenced at Gandhamardan as yet. In view of the uncertainties at Gandhamardan, BALCO is taking appropriate measures to ensure bauxite supplies for its Alumina Plant at Korba.

[English]

Replacement of Terminal tax in Delhi

1182. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration had undertaken to expeditiously study various aspects of Entry Tax system to consider replacement of the present system of terminal tax; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the modalities worked out in terminating the terminal tax in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Administration has since got the study of Entry Tax system done through a team of officers.

(b) Final decision has so far not been taken by Delhi Administration in this regard.