

(e) how much sugar is still left with the S.T.C. and the price on which the sugar was sold to the State?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c). On the basis of the allocations made by the Ministry of Agriculture; STC releases imported sugar to State Governments. The quantity so far released is as under:—

States	Quantity (MT)
A. P.	1,000
Maharashtra	12,500
Kerala	12,500
Gujarat	10,800
H. P.	1,900
Chandigarh	93.10
Delhi	1,000
Tamil Nadu	13,000

(d) Initially, quantities were allocated to various State Governments, as per their requests. Subsequently, the Ministry of Agriculture had to restrict the allotment to a portion of the demand, on the basis of availability.

(e) Out of the total quantity so far received, the balance left with STC is 10,710 Metric Tonnes. The release price is as under:—

High Seas Sale :	Rs. 550/- Per Quintal
Ex-Jetty :	Rs. 560/- "
Ex-Godown :	Rs. 580/- "

Writing off of Standing Loans to Small and Marginal Farmers

7357. SHRI BRAJIMOHAN MOHANTY:
SHRI M. RAMGOPAL REDDY:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) which of the States in India have written off outstanding loans to small and marginal farmers and the amount so exempted;

(b) is it true, Reserve Bank of India have expressed strong reactions against the practice;

(c) what are the financial reasons of such objections; and

(d) did this measure receive the prior approval of the Finance Department?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) The Finance Minister of Tamil Nadu in his budget speech on the 2nd July, 1980 announced the State Government's decision to write off Rs. 16 crores of taccavi loans and Rs. 42 crores of principal and interest on co-operative loans outstanding against small farmers. The Government of Maharashtra contemplates to pay the principal and interest due from small farmers as on 30th June, 1979 to the respective financial institutions and has made a provision in its budget of Rs. 49 crores for this purpose.

(b) and (c). The Reserve Bank of India has expressed reservations regarding the decisions of the Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu Governments to write off the co-operative loans given to agriculturists, as these decisions have far reaching implications of all-India character such as their impact on the general atmosphere regarding repayment of loans by farmers to the financial institutions, the

health of the financing institutions and their ability to recycle money lent by them to the farming sector and the ability of the State Government, to provide such reliefs from their resources.

(d) No Sir.

Shortage of Residential Accommodation in Bailadila (M.P.)

7358. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware of the fact that there is an acute shortage of residential accommodations in Bailadila Distt. Bastar (M.P.);

(b) if so, the number of quarters category-wise and the number of employees till date; and

(c) what positive steps Government propose to take to provide quarters to the employees in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (c). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Bailadila Iron Ore Project of National Mineral Development Corporation. The position is that against the present number of 3431 employees in Bailadila Iron Ore Project Deposit No. 14 and 5, the number of quarters already constructed is 3334. In addition, 150 quarters are under construction. It may, therefore, be seen that steps have been taken by the Project Authorities to ensure that there is no shortage of accommodation, especially keeping in view the remote location of the Project.

(b) (i) The number of quarters category-wise in Bailadila Iron Ore Project is as under:—

Type	Permanent	Semi-Permanent	Temporary
VII	1
VI	6
V	17	1	..
IV	91	6	..
III	199	14	..
II	1223 + 150* (*Under construction)	50	..
I	268	12	..
G]	604	250	..
HOSTEL & DORMITORY	144	50	..
Temporary	NIL	NIL	398
	<u>2553 + 150*</u> (*Under construction) = 2703	<u>383</u>	<u>398</u>
	Total : 3334 + 150 under construction = 3484		

(ii) The total number of employees in Bailadila Iron Ore Project now is 3431.