

National Park has been sanctioned in the year 1979-80. For provision of transport facilities, mini-buses were provided to a number of selected wild life sanctuaries and elephants to a few selected sanctuaries for viewing wild life. In addition boats and motor-launches were provided for viewing birds at Bharatpur, Chilka Lake and Periyar Game Sanctuaries. Environmental improvements were undertaken around the Bharatpur Forest Lodge.

(c) to (e). Lodging, boarding and transport facilities are available for tourists at Sasangir Game Sanctuary. For lodging, a State Government Tourist Bungalow and a Forest Lodge of the Central Department of Tourism managed by India Tourism Development Corporation are available. The State Government provides transport facilities from the airport to Sasangir and back on payment and shows are arranged to witness lion at prescribed fees. The State Government is planning to provide additional accommodation for larger groups, recreational and other facilities.

Import of Aluminium

4825. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY:

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

(a) quantity of import of aluminium of different variety in the year 1978-1979 and 1979-80; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to achieve self sufficiency in aluminium and aluminium projects?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The

quantity of aluminium imported in 1978-79 and 1979-80 is given below :

	(In tonnes)	
	1978-79	1979-80
CG Ingots	16,490	25,504
EC Ingots	4,489	25,183
EC Rods	11,995	25,341
Total	32,974	76,028

(b) The installed capacity for production of aluminium, if fully utilised, is adequate to meet the present demand for the metal with marginal imports. The production of aluminium had however declined steeply since September, 1979 because of shortage of power. The position is expected to improve as the State Electricity Boards have stepped up the supply of power since the onset of the monsoon. Keeping in view the long term demand for the metal, the Central Government are also considering proposals for setting up few projects for production of aluminium metal.

The capacity already available in the country for manufacture of aluminium products is not being fully utilised. With the progressive growth in demand and increased availability of metal better capacity utilisation will be achieved. Further capacities are being licensed from time to time as necessary.

Old and New Areas Identified as Reserves Deposits of Metals

4826. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) details of deposits of old and new areas in Orissa identified as having reserves of Manganese, iron, copper, bauxite, chromite; and

(b) what steps have been taken to exploit the mineral resources?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Reserve of over 2747 Million Tonnes of