

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The total output of mica in the country during the last five calendar years is given below:—

(Qty. in tonnes)

Name of State	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Andhra Pradesh . . . . .	3584	2834	2913	3067	2641
Bihar . . . . .	6191	5795	5559	5714	5394
Rajasthan . . . . .	1686	850	860	801	935
Tamil Nadu . . . . .	40	14	20	11	10
West Bengal . . . . .	—	1	—	—	—
Total . . . . .	11501	9494	9532	9693	8980

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government has set up a Committee to conduct an in-depth study of various problems facing the mica Industry. The Committee is at work and its report is awaited.

**Allotment of quota of Stainless Steel, Aluminium to SC/ST**

2659. SHRI K. B. S. MANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that the reservation of percentage of allotment of quota of stainless steel, aluminium etc., to the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes in MMTC has been discontinued;

(b) if so, from when and the reasons therefor;

(c) how many applications have been received during the period, from when the reservation of quota for SC/ST has been fixed and how many SC/ST have been benefited and how many applications are still pending; when the balance applications will be finalised; and

(d) is there any proposal to revive the old procedure reserving quota for SC/ST and if so, when it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (d). In terms of the import policy, there is no reservation of percentage of allotment of quota to the SC/ST in respect of stainless steel, aluminium

etc. The question of discontinuing percentage allotment of quota of such metals therefore would not arise.

ग्रफीम की खेती में किसानों को होने वाली कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिए परामर्शदात्री समिति की स्थापना

2660. श्री सत्यनारायण जटिया : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या किसानों को ग्रफीम की खेती में होने वाली कठिनाइयों और समस्याओं को दूर करने के उद्देश्य से सरकार का, केन्द्रीय स्तर पर, किसी परामर्शदात्री बोर्ड अथवा समिति के गठन का प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ख) क्या किसानों द्वारा उनके पास उपलब्ध पोस्त की भूसी के संग्रह करने पर कोई प्रतिबंध है और यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी कारण क्या हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सबाई सिंह सिसोदिया) : (क) जी नहीं ?

(ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।