

Traces of Gold Mining in Keonjhar

3562. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traces of gold has been located in the Keonjhar;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has undertaken a detailed survey of the area; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and whether the deposits are adequate for mining purposes and if so, when this will be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Geological Survey of India has undertaken investigation for gold mineralisation in Salaikana and Kalima area of Talkoi block of Keonjhar district in Orissa. The first phase of work will be completed by 1982 and further work will be taken up on the basis of the results obtained in the first phase. The first phase of work includes large scale mapping of 100 sq. km. on 1:15,840 scale, pitting and trenching of 1000 cu. m. and drilling. The target of drilling will be decided on the results of the first few boreholes. The question of mining will arise only after the results of detailed exploration are known.

Capacity utilization in Public Undertakings

3563. SHRI A. A. RAHIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the capacity utilisation in respect of the Public Sector Undertak-

ings from 1977-78 onwards, percentage-wise; and

(b) what measures are being taken to bring production to the installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA) (a) Detailed information on capacity utilisation of manufacturing public enterprises is annually laid on the Table of the House in the Bureau of Public Enterprises Survey. The information relating to the years 1977-78 and 1978-79 was incorporated in the BPE's Annual Survey for 1978-79 presented to Parliament in March, 1980. Detailed information relating to 1979-80 is under compilation. The provisional information on capacity utilisation in some of the major Public Enterprises in Steel, Coal, Fertilizers, Petroleum and Heavy Engineering is appended in the enclosed statement.

(b): Government have taken several measures to improve the capacity utilisation of the enterprises. Among these the following may be mentioned:—

(i) The Cabinet Committee on Infra-structure has been entrusted with the task of monitoring the performance of infrastructural enterprises and take steps to improve their working.

(ii) Investments in balancing facilities, updating technology and captive power plants have been sanctioned so as to improve overall production.

(iii) The price and purchase preference schemes have been re-introduced to augment order position.

(iv) Expeditious settlements of wage disputes are being made to improve industrial relations.

Statement

Capacity Utilisation of Major Manufacturing Enterprises 1979-80

(Provisional)

Sl. No.

Steel

1. Steel Authority of India Ltd.	Bokaro	57
	Bhilai	84
	Durgapur	55
	Rourkela	70
	Alloy Steel Plant	77

Coal

2. Coal India Ltd. (including subsidiaries)		91
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Fertilizers

3. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.	Trombay	96
	Trombay IV	55
4. Madras Fertilizers Ltd.		80
5. Fertilisers & Chemicals (T) Ltd.	Udyogmandal (N)	62
	Cochin I	64

Petroleum

6. Hindustan Petroleum Corpn.	Bombay	92
	Visakhapatnam	73
7. Indian Oil Corpn.	Barauni	69
	Gauhati	76
	Gujarat	88
	Haldia	99
8. Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.		80

Heavy Engineering

9. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	Tiruchy	99
	Hyderabad	101
	Hardwar	97
	Bhopal	84
	Jhansi	65
	CFIFP	72
10. Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd. (All Units)		57
11. Mining & Allied Machinery Corpn. Ltd.		28