

of which there are potential member countries like Japan, Australia and Newzealand; a scheme of rebate is being operated.

Supply of Iron Ore to Pakistan for Steel Complex near Karachi

4680. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:

SHRI R. L. BHATIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has agreed to supply iron ore to Pakistan for its newly built Soviet-aided Steel Complex near Karachi;

(b) if so, the quantity agreed to be supplied and how long will it continue;

(c) whether the supply is part of any bilateral deal or it shall be paid for by Pakistan; if so, in which currency; and

(d) from which place ore will be supplied and the mode of transport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) An agreement to supply Iron Ore to Pakistan was concluded with Pakistan Steel Mills Corporation, Karachi, in May, 1980.

(b) The agreement provides for supply of 1.93 million tonnes of iron ore spread over a period of 7 years from September, 1980 to March, 1987.

(c) The agreement for supply of iron ore is not a part of any bilateral deal and payment for iron ore will be received in US Dollars.

(d) The Iron Ore is being supplied to Pakistan from Bellary Hospet Sector in Karnatka State and the ore is transported by rail from loading stations to the rail-heads nearest to the port of shipment and thereafter by road to the port.

Negotiations with E.E.C. for Commercial and Economic Cooperative Treaty

4681. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the negotiations with the European Economic Community for new commercial and economic Community for new commercial and economic co-operative treaty stand;

(b) the broad details of the agreement likely to be concluded with the E.E.C.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Negotiations for the conclusion of a new Commercial and Economic Co-operation Agreement between India and the European Economic Community are in a fairly advanced stage and it may be finalised soon.

(b) The new Agreement is sought to be made more broad-based covering all areas of economic and industrial cooperation including cooperation in the fields of industry, science and technology, research and development as well as joint ventures in third countries.

Proposed Development of Small Scale Industries by Rourkela Steel Plant

4682. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rourkela Steel Plant authorities propose to undertake a detailed plan for development of small-scale industries in the peripheral areas of the plant;

(b) the number and names of the villages identified for this purpose;

(c) whether the steel plant authorities have any plan to give to priority to the villages having mostly tribal inhabitants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?