

rupees during last three years, through the Paradip Port, are as under:—

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Foreign Exchange Earned (FOB Value in lakhs of rupees)
1977-78 . . .	4092	158.28
1978-79 . . .	2888	149.78
1979-80 . . .	869	64.62

These exports were made by M/s. Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Ltd. only.

(b) and (d). Ferro Chrome is a manufactured ferro-alloy and the question of its being mined does not arise.

Meeting with Representatives over the affairs of Mohini Mills (No. 2)

789. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting was held with the trade union representatives and Industry Minister of West Bengal over the affairs of Mohini Mills (No. 2);

(b) if so, what was the consensus arrived at in that meeting;

(c) whether that consensus has been accepted by the Central Government;

(d) if so, when that consensus will be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e). Certain discussions took place on the subject of the affairs of the Mohini Mills (No. 2). Currently the matter is subjudice with the High Court of Calcutta. In consultation

with the Law Ministry, it has not been considered legally appropriate to move in the matter, pending a final decision of the Calcutta High Court.

Money value of Steel Imports

790. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the money value of the steel imports for the last 2 years;

(b) the estimated quantum of import during the current year and its money value;

(c) whether the Steel Plants of India produced the items imported; and

(d) if so, the reasons for import?

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

During 1978-79 the value of the steel imported into the country came to about Rs. 357.55 crores. The data on total import of steel during 1979-80 have not been compiled yet. However, the value of imports by Steel Authority of India Limited during that year came to about Rs. 448.95 crores (in terms of documents negotiated for shipment from abroad).

(b) SAIL is to import 0.69 million tonnes of steel under the buffer programme for 1980-81. In addition, they will import on 'back to back' basis against specific demands from individual customers under the current import policy. The total import by SAIL on buffer and 'back to back' basis during 1980-81 may add up to 1.46 million tonnes valued at about Rs. 550 crores depending upon the demand actually registered with their by the customers. In addition, there will be some imports by the actual users, registered exporters and export houses in terms of the import policy in force. The quantum of such import cannot be precisely estimated.