

Statement II

(Amount in Rs. crores)

S No. §	Name of the Country	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
1.	Bangladesh	Nil	Nil	29.30
2.	Srilanka	10.00	..	10.00
3.	Afghanistan	6.25*	0.73	0.72
4.	Bhutan	27.45	44.45	29.66
5.	Mauritius	10.25	0.25	0.25
6.	Tanzania	N.A.	2.20	0.65
7.	Vietnam	12.50* 10.00	41.25*	..
8.	Zambia	10.00
9.	Nepal	8.25	8.39	14.60
10.	Senegal	N.A.	N.A.	0.01

*These are commodity loans—repayable in Kind, approximate value of the supplies has been indicated.

Gold Mineralisation in Hutti-Muski Schist Belt in Karnataka

602. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent survey of the Geological Survey of India have revealed gold mineralisation in the extension areas of Hutti-Muski Schist belt in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Boreholes have been drilled to explore the strike continuity of the known lodes like Grey's Shaft lode, Strike Reef, Strike foot wall lodes, Oakley Reef and Village Reef. Exploration work has proved the extensions of the known lodes over strike length of 600 to 700 metres. Drilling in the above lodes has indicated gold values

ranging from 1 gramme to 9 grammes per tonne. Further work is continuing.

Survey for Exploration of Essential Minerals

603. SHRI MANMOHAN TUDU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India has launched a programme for exploration of essential minerals;

(b) if so, whether they have found any mineral in Orissa; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Geological Survey of India is actively engaged in the exploration of minerals essentially required for various industries.