

(c) Actual foreign exchange earned on exports of iron ore through Visakhapatnam port has been:—

| Year | Value in Rs. Crores |
|------|---------------------|
| 1978 | 67.87 |
| 1979 | 71.11 |
| 1980 | 81.22 |

(d) India has comfortable iron ore reserves. We export iron ore to earn foreign exchange. Efforts are, however, continuing to process as much iron ore as possible into pellets, concentrates etc, before it is exported.

Quantity of sugar exported during 1980-81

4446. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any quantity of sugar has been exported in the year 1980-81; and

(b) if so, the countries to which sugar was exported and the price at which it was exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sugar was exported to U.K., Egypt, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Nepal at an average price of Rs. 4,900/- PMT.

Jaykaynagar unit of Aluminium Corporation of India

4447. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appeared in "Economic Times" dated 21-1-1981 that despite the lapse of two and a half years, since management-take-over by the Union Government is yet to be evolved an integrat-

ed management pattern for the Jaykaynagar unit of Aluminium Corporation of India;

(b) whether the management of the unit was assigned to Bharat Aluminium Company for one year with subsequent three six monthly extension, last one to expire in April, 1981;

(c) whether Government have received any memorandum from trade unions demanding nationalisation of this unit; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government on the said memorandum?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Further action to be taken is under examination by Government.

Ancillary units of Rourkela Steel Plant

4448. SHRI CHINTAMANJ PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether ancillary units of Rourkela Steel Plant have grown up;

(b) if so, how many such units in Rourkela have grown up; and

(c) how many people have found employment in these ancillary units in Rourkela?

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

(b) Ancillary status has been accorded by the Rourkela Steel Plant to 21 small scale units. The cases of 10 more units are under consideration of the plant authorities.

(c) About 1080 persons are employed in the 21 ancillary units.