

Rural housing where in it is stated that almost all of the Rs. 800 crores of housing finance provided by the major institutional agencies has benefited urban areas and virtually nothing has been done for rural areas ;

(b) if so, the details ; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to improve the housing facilities in rural areas ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT) : (a) and (b) . In an article titled "Houses for the Rural Poor" prepared by a Research Officer in the Reserve Bank of India and published in Reserve Bank of India occasional papers, Vol. I No. 1, December, 1980, it has been stated that "the total housing finance provided by the major institutional credit agencies amounted between Rs. 750 to Rs. 800 crores by 1978. Almost all of this benefited urban centres." This article, is based on a study and the views expressed therein are not necessarily those of the Reserve Bank of India or its Central Board of Directors or the Editorial Committee which published the article. According to the Reserve Bank of India, the conclusion that almost all Institutional finance for housing has benefited urban centres is not based on any available data relating to housing finance provided by financial institutions.

Major portion of bank finance for housing is provided in the form of loans and subscription to the guaranteed bonds and debentures of HUDCO and the State Housing Boards. Separate figures regarding deployment of institutional finance in rural and urban areas are not available with financial institutions.

(c) The Minimum Needs Programme places a high priority on the provision of house sites and assistance for construction of houses for the rural landless workers. The VIth Plan proposes to provide house sites to all the landless families who have not already been provided house sites and construction assistance to about 25% of those families who have not already been provided such assistance.

बिहार में बाक्साइट निक्षेप

1662. श्रीमती कृष्ण साहो : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार में करोड़ों रुपये के मूल्य के बाक्साइट के भारी निक्षेपों का पता लगा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी सुरक्षा तथा विकास के लिए सरकार ने क्या योजना बनाई है ?

वाणिज्य तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) राँची, पलासू, मुंगेर और शाहाबाद जिलों के विभिन्न स्थानों में लगभग 37 से 66 प्रतिशत एल्यूमिना और 5 से 11 प्रतिशत से कम सिलिका वाले कुल 85.46 मि० टन बाक्साइड भंडारों का अनुमान लगाया गया है। संथाल-परगना जिले में भी कुछ बाक्साइड युक्त परतों का पता चला है।

(ख) बिहार में उस राज्य के बाक्साइड भंडारों पर आधारित एल्यूमिना/एल्यूमिनियम परियोजना शुरू करने की कोई स्कीम इस समय सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Export of Tobacco During 1980-81

1663. SHRI RASABEHARI BEHERA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and the value in rupees of tobacco exported during 1980-81 country-wise ;

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned from tobacco exports during the period ; and

(c) the rate of export duty levied and the total amount of export duty collected therefrom ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b). A statement showing country-wise exports of tobacco with quantity and value during 1980-81 (April-November) is enclosed.

(c) Rates of duty levied on export of unmanufactured tobacco under the various Acts and the amount collected therefrom during 1980-81 (April-November) are