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S. No.	Name of the Hotel	Hotel No. of rooms	Rooms ready according to hotels	Rooms utilised by S.O.C.
1	2	3	4	5
1	Adin Hotel	588	250	150
2	Surya International	258	200	..
3	Sidhartha Continental	156	120	45
4	Mourya Sheraton (Exp.)	122	122	122
5	Taj Palace	500	200	..
6	Samrat Hotel	300	136	55
7	Guntur Hotel	416	200	9
8	Meridien Hotel	425	100	..
9	Bharat Hotel	500	100	..
10	Park Hotel	231	(50)	..

Alternative accommodation offered elsewhere.

Soviet credit for Super Thermal Station

1040. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether differences have cropped up over the credit terms between India and the Soviet Union for setting up a Super Thermal Station;

(b) if so, whether the main reasons for the difference is that the Soviet Union is contemplating tightening of credit terms including raising of interest rates and lowering of payment period;

(c) what is India's point of view in this regard;

(d) whether a high level Soviet delegation visited India during December, 1982 to discuss the terms with the Union Government and no formal decision was arrived at;

(e) whether a technical team from Russia visited the site;

(f) whether the Russian technical team has stated that both Energy and Finance Ministry are not keen on the Soviet credit for the power projects at the revised terms; and

(g) by what time the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (g) Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station, which is presently under construction with Soviet cooperation, is being financed under the Soviet Credit of Roubles 520 million dated 10-12-1980. The Credit is repayable over a period of 20 years, inclusive of a grace period of 3 years, along with interest at the rate of 2½ per cent per annum. The possibility of setting up further Thermal Power Projects with Soviet cooperation is under consideration Prelimi-

nary discussions in this regard were held during the Indo-Soviet Working Group Meeting on Power held in New Delhi in December, 1982 and during the visit to India of Dr. V. I. Litvinenko, Deputy Chairman of the State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations of the USSR also in December, 1982. Since the discussions are still in a very preliminary stage, it will not be possible to anticipate the outcome of the discussions or to state when the final decision will be reached in the matter.

Export of iron ore

1041. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of iron ore exported in each of the years 1980-81 and 1981-82

and likely to be exported during the year 1982-83 country-wise; and

(b) what efforts are being made to increase the export of iron ore during the year 1983-84?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The quantity of iron ore exported during 1980-81, 1981-82 and projected exports during 1982-83 country-wise is indicated in the attached statement.

(b) On account of severe recession in the world steel industry, the demand for iron ore is falling. Efforts are being made to diversify markets for our iron ore exports.

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Destination-wise Exports of Iron Ore

Quantity in Million Tonnes

Destination	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83 (Estimated)
1	2	3	4
Japan (MMTC)	7.37	7.55	6.95
(Goans)	6.75	8.94	9.00
South (MMTG)	1.48	2.45	2.20
Korea (Goans)	0.72	0.61	0.76
Taiwan (Goans)	0.09	0.03	0.01
West Europe (Goans)	..	0.26	0.47
<i>M.M.T.C. Only</i>			
U. S. S. R.	2.02
Romania	3.04	4.09	2.71
Czechoslovakia	0.35	0.36	0.16
Hungary	0.11	0.06	0.02
Germany (East)	0.46	0.68	0.62
Yugoslavia	0.56	0.33	..
Bulgaria	..	0.09	0.10