

**Link between Culprits and
Extremists of Punjab**

**8107. SHRI JAIPAL SINGH
KASHYAP :**

SHRI TRILOK CHAND :

SHRI R.R. BHOLE :

SHRI N.E. HORO :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the culprits involved in a day-light robbery and shoot-out in Delhi on 2 January, 1984 at Parliament Street have links with the Punjab extremists and were trained in the Golden Temple Complex to work for Dal Khalsa ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.C. SETHI) : (a) to (c) The accused, Shri Sukhdev Singh, arrested in this incident has revealed during interrogation, that he had received training in handling of arms and ammunition in the Golden Temple Complex, Amritsar. But he has denied having any connection with Dal Khalsa.

All necessary steps have been taken in Delhi to check the activities of extremists.

Rates of Royalty on Minerals

8108. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the present rates of royalty being paid to the States on iron ore, manganese ore, copper ore, magnesite and other minerals ;

(b) when the last rate was fixed ;

(c) the criteria adopted for fixing rate of royalty ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that certain States are demanding more rates of royalty ; if so, the names of such States and the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE) : (a) and (b) The present rates of royalty with the last date of revision in respect of iron ore, manganese ore, copper ore, magnesite and other minerals are given in the Annexure laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-8206/84].

(c) The royalty rates on major minerals are fixed and revised by the Central Government once during a period of four years in exercise of the power conferred on it by the provisions of section 9 (3) of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957. The royalty rates are revised on merits taking into account pit's mouth value, production, consumption, prices and exports of minerals, views of trade and industry as well as States Governments so as to serve the overall interest of mineral industry and the nation.

(d) The Governments of Bihar and Orissa have been representing for expediting the revision in the royalty rates on iron ore, manganese ore, copper ore, magnesite and mica ; the revision in the royalty rates on these minerals is under examination of the Central Government.

Recession in Industries

8109. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether recession has set in some of the industries ;

(b) if so, the names of such industries, indicating the extent of accumulation of their products ; and

(c) the main reasons for recession in these industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) to (c) Some of the industries which included steel, textiles and engineering goods industries suffered from slack demand due to a variety of reasons including constraints of finance with major purchasers in case of some of the engineering industries.

According to available information, there has been reduction in the opening stocks of steel from 1.54 million tonnes on 1.4.1983 to 0.8 million tonnes on 1.4.84; per capita consumption of textiles has increased compared to the previous year. The production of engineering goods has shown further improvement in 1983.

Loss Likely to be Suffered by SAIL

8110. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCIN-

DIA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited is likely to suffer a loss during the current year;

(b) if so, the estimated extent of loss likely to be suffered by SAIL during this year and how it compares with the corresponding figures for 1981-82 and 1982-83; and

(c) to what major reasons the losses are attributable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) SAIL's profit/loss position in the last three years is as follows :

(All figures in Rs. crores)

Years	Profit (+)/Loss (-)	Increase in costs less increase in net realisation over the previous year
1980-81	+ 1.01	45
1981-82	+ 39.17	- 15
1982-83	-105.76	115

The main reason for the losses of SAIL is the net realisation continues to be lower than the increase in costs as set in the following table :

(All figures in Rs. crores)

	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
1	2	3	41
Estimated increase in sales realisation of SAIL over the previous year. (steel and pig iron)	125	319	231