

Quantity of Iron Ore Exported through Paradip Port

5786. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of iron ore exported through Paradip Port during the year 1981, 1982 and 1983 ;

(b) whether Government have drawn up a programme to increase the export of iron ore through Paradip Port during the year 1984 ; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) The quantity of iron ore exported through Paradip Port during the last three years is as under :

Year	Qty. (Lakh Tons)
1981	15.71
1982	10.48
1983	11.50

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In order to increase export of iron ore through Paradip Port, it was decided to make renewed and concerted efforts to persuade buyers to meet their requirements of iron ore to the extent possible from Paradip Port. The following major steps have been taken in this behalf :

(i) MMTC have been asked to explore new markets for export of iron ore to countries willing to nominate smaller vessels for Paradip Port. MMTC has been able to persuade South Korea, German Democratic Republic, Ru-

mania and Japan to lift iron ore from Paradip Port making the total expected exports from Paradip during 1983-84 about one million tonnes. In 1984-85 also as a result of MMTC's efforts, South Korea is likely to take 4 lakh tonnes, German Democratic Republic 3 lakh tonnes and Japan 5 lakh tonnes, making their projected exports for 1984-85 about 1.2 million tonnes.

(ii) MMTC has agreed to compensate buyers for higher incidence of freight involved in lifting ore from Paradip by giving discount in prices.

(iii) The possibility and economic viability two port loading, i.e. initial loading at Paradip and up-topping at Madras Port, is being examined by MMTC.

(iv) Iron Ore handling facilities at Paradip Port have been substantially improved recently at considerable cost.

(v) Night navigation has been introduced to handle vessels during night time.

(vi) Government of Orissa in consultation with the Ministry of Shipping & Transport are examining the possibility of locating a transhipper-cum-dredger at Paradip Port to augment the loading capacity of the port and to find continuing solution to the problem of siltation.

अलीगढ़ को श्रेणी "ख" नगर के रूप में घोषित करना

5787. श्री रीत लाल प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश के अलीगढ़ को वर्ष 1981 की जनगणना के आधार पर