

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA) : (a) Foreign exchange earned from export of steel in 1971-72, 1972-73 and 1973-74 (April '73-January, '74) was Rs. 18.05 crores; Rs. 6.45 crores and Rs. 3.99 crores respectively.

(b) Purchasers of steel from India are Bangladesh, Burma, Algeria, Argentina, Sri Lanka, Hongkong, Iran, Indonesia, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Sudan, Singapore, Thailand, USSR, UAR, USA, UK, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, Iraq, Bahrain, Dubai, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Muscat, Aden, Syria, and Dammam.

(c) Steel is included in the Rupee Trade Agreements with USSR, Hungary, Yugoslavia, GDR, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Poland and North Korea. HSL had also entered into agreements for export of steel to Iran and Indonesia during the last one year.

#### Selection of Scooters on Allotment

4934. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether under the prevailing practice an allottee of a Bajaj Scooter both from open market and Central Government quota is not given any choice to choose his vehicle and he is forced to accept a vehicle that is given to him by the company ;

(b) whether the buyer has the option of returning the vehicle to the company within the warranty period if it does not function to his satisfaction ;

(c) if not, whether the company will be directed to give to the customer a chance to choose his own vehicle ; and

(d) the position with regard to scooters of other make ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (d). The dealers of both Bajaj and Lambretta Scooters do give the customer a choice of the vehicle from out of the stock available with them. The buyer has no option to return to vehicle to the dealer once he has purchased it. If, however, during the warranty period, the customer's vehicle is found to have any inherent manufacturing defect, such defect is rectified, if necessary, by free replacement of the respective parts subject to certain conditions.

#### Expenditure on Burma and Sri Lanka Repatriates

4935. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the annual expenditure being incurred for rehabilitation of Burma and Sri Lanka repatriates, separately; and

(b) the expected inflow of repatriates from Burma and Sri Lanka during 1974 and 1975?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY) : (a) A statement showing the year-wise expenditure incurred on rehabilitation of Burma and Sri Lanka repatriates is attached.

(b) The number of repatriates expected to arrive from Burma and Sri Lanka during 1974 and 1975 would be as follows:—

	Repatriates from		
	Burma	Sri Lanka	
1974	About 6,000	About 42,000	plus the natural increase since 1964.
1975	About 6,000	About 46,000	Do.

*Statement*

Period	Expenditure Incurred on Rehabilitation of			
	Burma repatriates		Sri Lanka repatriates	
	Loans	Grants	Loans	Grants
	(Rupees in Lakhs)			
Upto 31-3-1965 . . . . .	41.40	10.00	—	—
1965-66 . . . . .	91.01	13.769	—	—
1966-67 . . . . .	150.15	28.819	—	—
1967-68 . . . . .	74.81	35.024	18.72	—
1968-69 . . . . .	88.86	32.22	53.54	—
1969-70 . . . . .	161.67	39.352	117.62	—
1970-71 . . . . .	175.78	26.962	213.76	—
1971-72 . . . . .	236.02	39.455	185.44	1.16
1972-73 . . . . .	160.65	54.126	161.42	6.20
1973-74 (upto 25-3-74) . . . . .	87.07	16.598	247.21	7.08
<b>TOTAL</b> . . . . .	<b>1,267.42</b>	<b>294.325</b>	<b>997.71</b>	<b>14.44</b>

**Nickel-cum-Cobalt plant at Sukinda**

4936. DR. H. P. SHARMA :

SHRI P. GANGADEB:

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

(a) whether a scheme for establishing India's first nickel-cum-cobalt plant at Sukinda in Orissa has been cleared by Union Government; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme, indicating its cost, capacity of production, raw material availability and the foreign aid-collaboration, if any, sought for the project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The plant to be set up in public sector will produce annually 4,800 tonnes of nickel and 200 tonnes of cobalt metals. 17,000 tonnes of fertiliser grade Ammonium Sulphate will also be produced as a by-product. The plant is expected to be commissioned during 1978. The total investment is estimated at Rs. 39.50 crores.

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No foreign aid collaboration is envisaged at this stage. A reserve of 10.6 million tonnes of nickel ore of average 1.2 per cent Nickel so far proved in Kansa (Sukinda) area in the district of Cuttack, Orissa is adequate to meet the requirement of the proposed plant for 20 years. Exploration work in the neighbourhood for proving further reserves is in progress.

**Commerical Exploitation of Mineral Deposits in Rajasthan**

4937. DR. KARNI SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether large deposits of wollastonite and calcite minerals have recently been discovered in Rajasthan ; and

(b) whether any scheme has been framed for their commercial exploitation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir. Large, deposits of Wollastonite and calcite have been discovered recently between Khera Uparla and Belka Pahar areas falling in Pali and Sirohi districts of Rajasthan. About 56 million tonnes of reserves of Wollastonite have been estimated