

Export of Scrap Iron

1846. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of scrap iron exported to foreign countries during the past 3 years; and

(b) the reasons for the decrease, if any, that has taken place in the export of scrap iron?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) 1959	280,911 long tons.
1960	334,668 long tons.
1961	370,000 long tons.

(b) As exports have been steadily increasing, the question does not arise.

History of Adibasi Leaders

1847. Shri H. C. Soy: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Adibasi leaders and warriors of Chota Nagpur and Santhal Pargana, in Bihar offered stiff resistance on many a battle front to British imperialist forces during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and Great Birsa Munda was one of the foremost leaders;

(b) whether it is a fact that so far no effort has been made to carry out research and write out a systematic history about them and nothing positive to commemorate the heroes have been done; and

(c) if so, the steps to be taken in this respect?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) to (c). There was discontent and consequently frequent risings among these people. An account has been given in Chaudhuri's book, *Civil Disturbances during the British Rule in India (1765—1857)* and there will be references in the second

Volume of the 'History of Freedom Movement in India' which is under preparation.

China Clay Mines in Singbhum

1848. Shri H. C. SOY: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China clay mines in Singbhum in Bihar have been inspected during the last two years;

(b) if so, defects found and action taken thereon;

(c) whether the local ryots on whose lands mining operations are proposed to be conducted have been resisting the mine owners; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) Yes.

(b) The mining conditions in two of the 9 mines inspected were found to be satisfactory. Defects found in the other 7 mines relate to lack of proper quarrying benches and the malpractice of dumping the waste material on unproved ground. The mine owners, where these defects were observed, were advised suitably at the spot to improve the mining methods and thereby lower the cost of production.

(c) Government have no such information.

(d) Does not arise.

Palana Lignite Project

1849. { Shrimati Gayatri Devi:
Shri K. R. Gupta:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Palana Lignite Project in Rajasthan was included for completion in the Second Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what progress has been made on the said Project?