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Bokaro Coalfield

2764. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

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

(a) whether Assessment of Resources Committee of the Coal Council has submitted its fourth report about the Bokaro coalfield; and

(b) if so, the quantitative and qualitative pattern of resources of coal found in the coalfield?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mysore Iron and Steel Works

2765. **Maharajkumar Vijaya Ananda:** Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire expansion programme of Mysore Iron and Steel Works has been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to keep pace with the expansion work?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The expansion programme to increase the production of mild steel has been completed. The conversion to alloy steel making, which was a later development is still going on.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Copper Ore

2766. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

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

(a) whether prospecting for copper is on in different regions;

(b) if so, the details of the prospecting programme; and

(c) the estimated reserve of copper ore in different regions as assessed on the basis of the explorations done so far?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 43 investigations for prospecting reserves of copper ore are to be taken up by the Geological Survey of India during October, 1965 to September, 1966 while the Indian Bureau of Mines will concentrate its activities on exploration at the Koli-han and Akwali sections of the Khetri copper belt and the Bhagoni deposit of the Dariba belt in Rajasthan and at the Rakha, Roam-Sideshwar and Tamapahar blocks in Singhbhum (Bihar).

(c) The reserves of copper ore estimated in the various regions are as under:—

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| (i) Madhan-Kudhan Section of Khetri belt in Rajasthan | 286.2 million tonnes with 0.8% to 1.2% copper. |
| (ii) Dariba Nala Block Rajasthan | 0.2 million tonnes with 2.6% copper. |
| (iii) Dariba Mine Block (Rajasthan) | 0.36 million tonnes with 2.4% copper. |
| (iv) Roam Sideshwar in Singhbhum (Bihar) | 21 million tonnes with 1 to 2% copper. |
| (v) Tamapahar in Singhbhum (Bihar) | 3 million tonnes with above 1% copper. |
| (vi) Mamandur in South Arcot (Madras) | 0.9 million tonnes with 0.63% copper. |

Export of Pepper

2767. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state the reaction of Government to the main recommendations made by the National Council of Applied Economic Research in their report on the prospects of export of Pepper?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): The Government are