

ly fixed in March, 1966 at 505,000 tonnes of steel and 100,000 tonnes of pig iron.

(b) Approximately 95,000 tonnes has been exported till September, 1966.

(c) HSL alone has concluded export contracts for 150,000 tonnes of pig iron and 112,000 tonnes of steel, for a total value of about Rs. 10 crores. All efforts will be made to achieve the targets.

#### Hassan-Mangalore Railway Line

492. Shri Basappa: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the up-to-date progress made in the matter of Hassan-Mangalore Railway Line; and

(b) when it is likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):

(a) An overall progress of 54 per cent has been achieved on the BG link from Mangalore Station to Panambur and 13 per cent progress on the new M.G. line from Hassan to Mangalore.

(b) The B.G. Link is expected to be ready for opening to goods traffic by October, 1967 and the work on the M.G. line, however, is so phased as to synchronise with completion of Mangalore Port Project.

#### Over-Bridge at Tiptur Railway Station

493. Shri Basappa: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to construct a Railway over-bridge at Tiptur Railway station between Bangalore and Poona on the Southern Railway; and

(b) whether the willingness of the Town Municipal Council of Tiptur and of the State Government of Mysore has been communicated to the Railways regarding their construction of the approach roads as per rules?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):

(a) The Railways are prepared to construct road over/underbridges in replacement of any of the existing busy level crossings provided the schemes are sponsored by the State Government and provided the State Government or the concerned authority agree to bear their share of the cost. Broadly, the cost of bridge proper for a width of 24 ft. is borne by the Railway and the cost of the sloping approaches and any additional width of the bridge proper by the State Government or the concerned authority.

The State Government of Mysore has recently proposed the construction of a road overbridge at Tiptur during 4th Plan period.

(b) The matter of bearing of the cost of approaches of the overbridge is under negotiation between the Municipality and the State Government, and no final communication has so far been sent to the Railways in this respect.

#### Donamalai Iron Ore Mines

494. Shri Basappa: Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation have under consideration any proposal for the development of the Donamalai Iron Ore Mining area in Hospet during the Fourth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) and (b). The National Mineral Development Corporation has prepared a feasibility study for development of a mechanised mine in Donamalai area (South Block). The expected production is 2.5 million tonnes of lump ore with saleable fines approximating to 2 million tonnes per annum. Further detailed investigations necessary for the preparation of Project Report are in progress.