

(ख) क्या रेलवे वर्कशापों में आदिवासियों के लिये सुरक्षित पद वास्तव में उनके लिये निर्धारित प्रतिशतता के अनुसार आदिवासी उम्मीदवारों द्वारा भरे गये हैं ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

रेल-मंत्री (डा० राम सभुग सिंह) : (क) से (ग). सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Export of Iron-Ore to Japan

1814. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan after importing rich iron-ore from Bailadila can supply finished material at cheap rates in India and elsewhere ;

(b) if so, the reasons as to why the said ore is not being used in the country ;

(c) total estimated quantity of the ore, the quantity already exported and the quantum decided to be exported hereafter ; and

(d) iron contents in Bailadila iron-ore and in the ores being used in Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourkela and Bhadravati Iron Works ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Japan is a low-cost producer of steel because of the high degree of efficiency in productivity and man-hour output and the latest techniques adopted by the Japanese steel industry.

(b) There are ample reserves of iron ore in India and Bailadila is only one of the sources. The Steel Plants use iron-ore obtained from sources which are much closer to them.

(c) The total estimated iron ore reserves in Bailadila are of the order of 2000 million tonnes. Quantity exported

in 1967-68 when exports of Bailadila ore commenced, was 0.37 million tonnes. Exports during the current year are expected to be about 1.6 million tonnes and are expected to go up to about 3.5 million tonnes annually in the coming years.

(d) The Fe content of the Bailadila ore is about 65%. The Fe content in ore being used in Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourkela & Bhadravati is as follows :—

Bhilai	63 to 66%
Rourkela	58 to 65%
Durgapur	60 to 62%
Bhadravati	58.5%

Supply of Billets

1815. SHRI J. MOHAMMAD IMAM :
SHRI TENNETI VISHWANATHAM :
SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI :
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Raj Committee, based on whose recommendations the steel decontrol exercise was undertaken, had recommended in 1963 that the re-rollers should be supplied with 9.0 lakh tonnes of billets per year, i.e. 75,000 tonnes per month ;

(b) if so, whether this target of supply of Billets is being maintained since 1963 ;

(c) whether all the main steel plants producing billets have by now completed their 3rd plan expansion programme according to which their aggregate capacity for billets for sale is 1.1 million tonnes per year, or about 92,000 tonnes per month ;

(d) whether the re-rollers have conveyed in writing their ability and willingness to consume billets even at the rate of 1,20,000 tonnes per month ;