

(d) the foreign exchange earned from export of leather goods during 1997-98 and 1998-99; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of leather goods?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) No, Sir. However, status of export of various other leather products is at Statement attached.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Germany, USA, UK, Netherlands and Australia top the list of countries to which leather goods are exported in largest quantity.

(d) the Foreign Exchange earned from export of leather goods during 1997-98 was to the tune of US\$ 259.66 Million. For the period April-November, 1998-99 exports of leather goods have registered a growth of 65.46% over the corresponding period of 1997-98.

(April-November)

1997-98 US\$ 170.42 Million.

1998-99 US\$ 281.97 Million.

(e) Various measures including fiscal measures in the form of duty concessions have been initiated. Import duty on capital goods has been brought down. Duty on some of the inputs used by the leather goods industry has also been brought down. Market Development Assistance is provided to small scale exporters for promotion of exports.

Statement

Statement of Export of Leather and Leather Products

(Million US \$)

Sl. No.	Product	1997-98	1997-98 (April-November)	1998-99	% change
1	Finished Leather	287.50	202.53	172.52	-14.82
2	Leather Goods	232.84	170.42	281.97	65.46
3	Leather Garments	412.84	299.20	254.55	-14.92
4	Leather Footwear	271.46	193.25	130.77	-32.33
5	Footwear Components	238.29	167.22	162.03	-3.10
6	Saddlery & Harness	26.82	18.94	18.16	-4.12
Total		1469.75	1051.56	1020.01	-3.00
		37.1648	36.1236	41.8592	

Fire Incidents in Coal Mines

2571. SHRI SHAILENDRA KUMAR :

SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD :

SHRI C.P. RADHAKRISHNAN :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the names of coal mines of various companies where fire incidents took place during 1997-98 and 1998-99 along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the names of coal mines where fire could not be extinguished till date;

(c) the total loss of coal and revenue suffered by each company in such fire incidents; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken to check recurrence of fire incidents in future and the expenditure incurred on extinguishing fire during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) and (b) The details are furnished in the Statement enclosed.

(c) The coal locked in areas, which have been isolated or sealed off to cut off the oxygen supply, will be recovered after the fire has died out. Thus the loss of coal is negligible.

(d) The following steps are being taken to prevent occurrences of spontaneous heating in the mines of Coal India Ltd. :-

1. In underground mines the provisions laid down in the Coal Mines Regulations, 1957, and the recommendations made by the Directorate General of Mines Safety are complied with vide technical circulars issued from time to time and working the seams in panels of appropriate size keeping in view the incubation period, regular monitoring of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and temperature in depillaring districts for early detection of heating, cleaning of fallen coal, inspection of old workings and depillaring districts on idle days and surface blanketing to prevent breathing of air into areas from which coal has been extracted etc.
2. In opencast mines any spontaneous heating is quenched and coal mined out.

Expenditure incurred for extinguishing the fire is part of regular revenue expenditure incurred in construction of isolation stoppings fire stoppings, water spraying, stone dusting etc.

Statement

Names of Mines of CIL where spontaneous heating occurred during 1997-98 and 1998-99 and the status of the heating

Company	Year	Name of Mine	Reasons	Status	
1	2	3	4	5	
ECL	1997-98	Bankola	Spontaneous heating in Bankola seam panel 5	The areas have been isolated or oxygen supply has been cut off.	
		Pandaveswar A Pit	Spontaneous heating in Dobrana seam pillar fire 32L & 33L42 rise		It is not possible to say that the heating has been extinguished.
		Kumardih B	Spontaneous heating in Bonhafal seam panel 16B		
		North Searsole	Spontaneous heating in Kenda top seal old goaf		
		Parascole West	Spontaneous heating in Jambad seam old sealed off panel No. 1		
		Kottadih	Spontaneous heating in Samla seam L-W panel 3		
		Moirā	Spontaneous heating in Jambad top seam old working.		
	Parascole West	Spontaneous heating in Jambad and seam working panel 23D			
			Bahula	Spontaneous heating in Jambad seam old sealed panel.	
	1998-99	Bansra	Spontaneous heating in Kenda seam depillaaring panel B&D		
		Khojrabad	Spontaneous heating in spontaneous heating in old helps		
		Dalurband	Spontaneous heating in Dalurband seam depillaring panel.		
		Bejdih	Spontaneous heating in RD/BD combined seam panel A.29		
		Madhaipur	Spontaneous heating in Samla seam panel Z		
South Samla		Spontaneous heating in Samla seam pillar fire at 8 EL off 22 dip			
BCCL	1997-98 1998-99	No New fire incidents has taken place in BCCL		Not applicable	
CCL	1997-98	Saunda 'D' OCP	Spontaneous heating in occurred in developed pillars being taken by opencast methods	The heating in quenched by water infusion and coal is extracted.	
	1998-99		NIL	Not applicable	
NCL	1997-98		No New fire occurred, fire exists in Jhingurda top seam of Jhingurda project which is taken by opencast methods after	Not applicable	
	1998-99		blanketing/quenching		

1	2	3	4	5
WCL	1997-98	Nandgaon Incline	Spontaneous heating detected at initial stage sealed off and later recovered	Extinguished
		Ghugus OC	Old developed pillars are being extracted by mechanised OC. Some spontaneous heating occurs in the exposed galleries.	Dealt with by quenching and blanketing after which the coal is taken out.
	1998-99	Ballarpur 3&4UG	There was an instance of spontaneous heating which was detected at the initial stage the area has been sealed off.	The heating has died out and the area shall be recovered for de-pillaring
		Chanda Rayatwari UG	There was an instance of spontaneous heating which was detected at the initial stage the area has been sealed off.	The heating has died out and the area recovered and coal extraction re-started
		Bellora OC/Majri OC	Old developed pillars are being extracted by mechanised OC. Some spontaneous heating occurs in the exposed galleries.	Dealt with by quenching and blanketing after which the coal is taken out.
SECL	1997-98	Balgi Mine	Spontaneous heating detected in panel 5A on 7.4.97	Based on analysis results it is presumed that the heating has extinguished. Re-opening is being considered.
	1998-99		NIL	Not applicable.
MCL	1997-98	Hingir Rampur	Spontaneous heating in fallen coal of old working	Extinguished
	1998-99		NIL	Not applicable
NEC	1997-98		NIL	Not applicable
	1998-99	Ledo colliery	Spontaneous heating	Extinguished.

Amount Provided to the Bokaro Steel Plant

2572. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the amount provided to the Bokaro steel plant under preferial development and other development schemes during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) the amount spent every year from the said allotted amount and the details of the development made; and

(c) the name of corporation for development of local areas under Bokaro steel plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) and (b) The details of fund allocated to Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) under peripheral development and other schemes and the

amount spent on the development works during each of the last three years, till date, is as under :-

	(Rs. In lakhs)			
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Fund Allocated	170.00	190.00	160.00	115.00
Amount Spent	170.03	190.02	127.12	40.18
				(till 28.2.99)

DETAILS OF DEVELOPMENT WORKS

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
	1	2	3	4
Construction of School Buildings	09 Nos	08 Nos	03 Nos	-
Rig Bore Hand Pumps	123 Nos	50 Nos	50 Nos	50 Nos