

(b) if so, the details alongwith the number thereof, State-wise and particularly in district Coochbehar, West Bengal; and

(c) the action taken, by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information has been called for the same will be placed on the Table of the House.

- (c)
1. Instructions have been issued to provide STD/ISD/ PCOs from electronic Exchanges only. In places which are served by electronic Exchanges only. In places which are served by electronmechanical exchanges, new 128-P C-DOT electronic exchanges are opened to cater to the needs of STD/ISD PCOs as far as possible.
 2. The Electronic exchange provides dynamic STD/ISD Control facility by which STD/ISD on the telephone can be opened or closed as a check against misuse. Moreover, bills with details of STD/ISD calls are issued through which franchisee can know the details of the calls made from the PCO.
 3. Indoor equipment and outdoor plants are checked to identify any technical fault.
 4. Entry to the exchanges has been restricted.
 5. Vigilance unit also conducts surprise checks against misuse or diversion of line.

[Translation]

Import of Sugar

*318. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of sugar imported during 1994-95;

(b) whether it is a fact that the then Government had sold the imported sugar through the Government agencies at less than the cost price; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the loss of foreign exchange as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c). During the financial year 1st April, 1994-31st March, 1995, STC and MMTC together imported about 9.77 lakh tonnes of sugar. The value of this sugar worked out to about US \$ 37.93 crores.

This sugar was imported for meeting the demand of Public Distribution System and therefore, sold at an issue price of Rs.9.05 per kg. In view of this the question of loss does not arise.

[English]

Production of Minerals

*319. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the States where chromite, graphite, bauxite, dolomite and manganese ore are available;

(b) the approximate quantum of these minerals deposits in those States, State-wise;

(c) the annual production of these minerals during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken for the proper exploitation of these minerals?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) States where Chromite, Graphite, Bauxite, Dolomite and Manganese Ore available is given below :-

S.No.	Mineral	States where available
1.	Chromite	Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Maharastra, Manipur, Orissa & Tamil Nadu.
2.	Graphite	Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.
3.	Bauxite	Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.
4.	Dolomite	Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
5.	Manganese Ore	Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

(b) State-wise deposits are mentioned in the enclosed Statement-I.

(c) State-wise Annual production of the minerals during last three years is as per enclosed statement-II.

(d) The Govt. policies including the New Mineral Policy of 1993 encourage investments in the mineral sector. Also the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957, Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 and Mineral Conservation & Development Rules, 1988 provide for proper exploitation of the minerals.

STATEMENT-I

State-wise Total Recoverable Reserves of Chromite, Graphite, Bauxite, Dolomite and Manganese Ore as on 1/4/1990.

(Unit in Million Tonnes)

S.No.	State	Mineral	Total Recoverable Reserves
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Bauxite	592
		Chromite	0.067
		Graphite	0.22
		Dolomite	129.99
		Manganese Ore	7.53
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Dolomite	58.37
3.	Bihar	Bauxite	61.10
		Chromite	0.334
		Dolomite	47.25
		Graphite	0.53
		Manganese Ore	2.30
4.	Gujarat	Bauxite	107.74
		Dolomite	681.63
		Graphite	0.016
		Manganese Ore	1.8
5.	Goa	Bauxite	28.08
		Manganese Ore	27.56
6.	Haryana	Dolomite	7.25
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	Bauxite	1.78
8.	Karnataka	Bauxite	27.41
		Chromite	0.85
		Dolomite	325.28
		Manganese Ore	64.55

1	2	3	4
9.	Kerala	Bauxite	7.92
		Graphite	0.52
10.	Madhya Pradesh	Bauxite	140.79
		Dolomite	1666.85
		Graphite	0.010
		Manganese Ore	16.54
11.	Maharashtra	Bauxite	87.25
		Chromite	0.47
		Dolomite	223.23
		Graphite	0.002
		Manganese Ore	19.17
12.	Manipur	Chromite	0.002
13.	Meghalaya	Bauxite	0.89
14.	Orissa	Bauxite	1442.27
		Chromite	183*
		Dolomite	1171.16
		Graphite	0.95
		Manganese Ore	40.84
15.	Rajasthan	Bauxite	0.32
		Dolomite	135.42
		Graphite	0.47
		Manganese Ore	0.41
16.	Sikkim	Dolomite	2.07
17.	Tamil Nadu	Bauxite	18.32
		Chromite	0.24
		Dolomite	1.63
		Graphite	0.39
18.	Uttar Pradesh	Bauxite	9.42
		Dolomite	224.33
19.	West Bengal	Dolomite	293.01
		Manganese Ore	0.10

* Total reserves.

STATEMENT-II

State-wise Annual Production of Chromite, Graphite, Bauxite, Dolomite and Manganese ore for the year 1993-94 to 1995-96.

(Qty. in Tonnes)

Mineral	State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96(P)
1	2	3	4	5
Chromite	India	1064684	1137886	1663969
	Andhra Pradesh	234	-	-
	Karnataka	33921	29062	59728
	Maharashtra	1726	1090	1190
	Manipur	642	784	470
	Orissa	1028161	1106950	1602581
Graphite	India	83956	103053	126371

1	2	3	4	5
	Andhra Pradesh	214	175	114
	Bihar	22168	20119	20300
	Kerala	-	173	304
	Orissa	61574	60722	79423
	Rajasthan	-	535	5149
	Tamil Nadu	-	21329	21081
Bauxite	India	5534913	4898674	5443854
	Bihar	916485	927566	1000215
	Goa	60323	69367	63871
	Gujarat	818330	637000	563546
	Karnataka	18860	19563	31760
	Madhya Pradesh	553878	497050	517592
	Maharashtra	685791	557273	719990
	Orissa	2446217	2146569	2419695
	Tamil Nadu	55029	44286	127275
Dolomite	India	3349526	3375558	3490836
	Andhra Pradesh	131753	222622	258312
	Bihar	284334	271493	349236
	Gujarat	290722	284349	406947
	Karnataka	23724	27409	42876
	Madhya Pradesh	842922	913807	913550
	Maharashtra	19253	29673	30398
	Orissa	1583444	1416169	1294275
	Rajasthan	3545	8939	7721
	Uttar Pradesh	64650	63949	46935
	West Bengal	105179	137148	140586
Manganese Ore	India	1696111	1680975	1797075
	Andhra Pradesh	64609	60987	53042
	Bihar	5568	4138	11867
	Goa	20932	20554	17880
	Karnataka	372451	383576	430786
	Madhya Pradesh	306953	341513	358559
	Maharashtra	281204	287465	314141
	Orissa	644394	582742	610800

P = Provisional

Financial Assistance to NGO's

*320. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the financial assistance given to non-Governmental Organisation during the period from April 1, 1996 to June 30, 1996;

(b) whether any complaints regarding mis-utilisation of funds have been received against some of the above Organisations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against them?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) An amount of Rs.7.14 crores has been given to non-Governmental Organisations

during the period from 1st April, 1996 to 30th June, 1996.

(b) to (d). No complaint has been received in respect of the above organisations, but complaints have been received against some other Organisations. In respect of such complaints, enquiries are ordered and if the allegations are found correct, the grant is stopped and other appropriate action is initiated.

Price of Essential Commodities

2384. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state the per kg. price of sugar, atta, maida, rice (varieties), wheat and other essential commodities being sold through the fair price shops under the public distribution system, specially in statutory rationing areas during 1994-95 1995-96 and 1996-97?