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**Proposal to set up an Aluminium  
Factory**

4579. SHRI RAMDEW RAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some mines have been given on lease to the Birla Industrial House in Palamu, Pandava, Renukot, Gumla and Chhipadoha (U.P.);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred annually by the State Government and the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether an Aluminium factory of Birla group is functioning in Renukot, U.P. with the raw materials from Chandara mines;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for setting up of an Aluminium Factory in Chandara with the assistance of State and the Union Governments; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

**Redressal of Farmers woes**

4580. SHRISHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a farmers rally was organised on October 2, 1991 at the Boat Club lawn in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what were the main demands voiced at the rally; and

(c) the steps since taken by the Government to redress the farmers woes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demands voiced at the Rally have got been communicated by the organisers.

(c) Question does not arise.

**Safeguarding Godavari Delta**

4581. SHRI G.M.C BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several acres of cultivated lands of Godavari delta are submerged every year resulting in heavy losses to the farmers;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect these lands,

(c) whether the Government propose to launch new schemes in Southern State to improve the production of rice and coconut; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The delta areas of the Godavari and the Krishna rivers are flood prone. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have taken up flood management works and constructed 552 Km. of embankments, improved 12814 Km. drainage channels, protected 40 towns and have raised 21 villages. These steps have benefited an area of 10.09 lakh hectares upto March, 1990 out

of a total flood prone area of 13.9 lakh hectares.

(c) and (d). No decision has been taken to launch new schemes in Southern States to improve the production of rice and coconut. However, integrated programme for Rice Development in Southern States, as also Coconut Development Board are already in existence for increasing production and productivity.

**Production of Hindustan Zinc Smelter,  
Udaipur**

4582. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:  
SHRI M.V.V S. MURTHI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of zinc and other metals produced by the Hindustan Zinc Smelter, Udaipur during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the production this year has

been found satisfactory in comparison of the production during the previous year;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the proposed plan for development of Hindustan Zinc Limited at Visakhapatnam during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Details of zinc and other metals produced by Hindustan zinc Limited during the last three years is given in the Statement Attached.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Hindustan Zinc Limited operates a Smelter with an annual capacity of 22,000 tonnes of Lead and 30,000 tonnes of Zinc at Visakhapatnam. Plans for increasing metal recovery and provide better environmental protection measures will be implemented during 1992-93.