GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINES LOK SABHA

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ORE PRODUCTION AT KHETRI COPPER COMPLEX
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total ore production at Khetri Copper Complex (KCC) during each of the last three years along with the details of profit/loss incurred during the said period;
- (b) whether the KCC is continuously incurring losses;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for revival and modernisation of KCC?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) The ore production at Khetri Copper Complex (KCC) during the last three years is given below:-

Year Ore production at KCC (Lakh tonne)

2012-13 9.83

2011-12 10.00

2010-11 9.72

Profit/loss statement is prepared and is published for the Company as a whole. No separate unit wise profit/loss is published by the company. However, center wise cost of production is consolidated by the company. The unit wise cost of production of the mining operation of KCC and other mines of the company are given below:-

Year Cost of production of Metal in Concentrate (MIC) (Rs. per tonne)

KCC Mines Malanjkhand Mine ICC Mine

2012-13 (provisional) 3,05,744 1,77,332 1,67,145

2010-11 2,36,514 1,20,326 1,64,465

(b)&(c) The cost of production of KCC mine is the highest among all the operating mines of the company. The cost of production has been adversely impacted due to falling ore grade, low process recovery of KCC concentrator plant, increase in wage due to pay revision and increased input cost of power and fuel.

(d) Hindustan Copper Ltd has taken steps to enhance the ore production of KCC mine from current 1.0 million tonnes to 3.1 million tones with modern equipment and technology in next five year at an estimated cost of Rs. 533.00 crore.