

(a) whether the Government have recently finalised any Action Plan for the export of minerals;

(b) if so, the salient features of the said Action Plan and the policy adopted while preparing it;

(c) the names of minerals which have been given top priority in exports; and

(d) the names of the countries from which the Government have received demand for these minerals?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has finalised an Action Plan for export of important minerals, such as, iron ore, manganese ore. Chrome ore, mica etc. For 1998-99, the target has been placed at about 20 per cent of the actual export achieved during the last year, The salient features of the Action Plan include :

(i) identification of new markets viz; Middle East, East Europe, CIS etc. in addition to expansion of existing markets, such as China, Japan, South Korea etc.

(ii) Conclusion of long term contracts for assured exports;

(iii) Improved handling, facilities at ports for iron ore etc.

(c) The following minerals have been given top priority in exports :

(i) Iron Ore

(ii) Chrome Ore

(iii) Manganese Ore

(iv) Mica Scrap

(d) Given the trade practices, demands are not placed on the Government. However, some of the major importing countries are Japan, South Korea, Pakistan, China, Romania etc.

[English]

Export of Iron Ore

3473. SHRI FRANCISCO SARDINHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the Iron Ore exported to different countries during the last three years;

(b) the quantity exported, country wise and year, wise; and

(c) the share of Goa in this export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) and (b) Sir, total Ore exported in the last three years is as follows :

(Qty. in Lakh tonnes)

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 (Prov.)
Total	317.2	276.3	276.6

Iron Ore exported to different countries in each of the last three years is given in the statement.

(c) Share of Goa in total exports of India during the last three years is as follows :

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 (Prov.)
	47.8%	50.1%	53.4%

Statement

(Quantity in Lakh tonnes)

Countries	1995-96 Quantity	1996-97 Quantity	1997-98 (Prov.) Quantity
Australia	3.2	1.2	6.5
Bangladesh	-	1.1	
Belgium	2.8	1.9	3.3
Chad	-	0.6	-
Chinese Tipei	4.0	7.0	14.2
China (Rep.)	39.1	32.4	55.7
France	-	2.2	3.7
Germany	-	-	1.2
Indonesia	2.7	5.3	0.4
Iran	18.4	13.1	14.8
Italy	11.5	0.2	4.7
Japan	174.7	141.4	143.3
Korea (Rep.)	27.7	34.5	7.1
Netherland	7.3	7.2	7.6
Pakistan	3.6	2.2	4.4

[Translation]

Workshops to SCs/STs by DSSIDC

3474. PROF. JOGENDRA KAWADE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the persons belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe have been allotted workshops by Delhi Small Scale Industries Development Corporation according to the quota laid down for them;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and