

NTC Mills in Madhya Pradesh

2656. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of NTC mills in Madhya Pradesh including Rajnandgaon, Ujjain, Indore, Burhanpur and Bhopal;

(b) the number of workers of these mills who sought voluntary retirement as on 31st March, 1998;

(c) whether the Rajnandgaon and Burhanpur mills have been considered economically viable;

(d) if so, whether there is any scheme to provide financial assistance to run these mills smoothly;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any scheme to modernise these mills have been formulated; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) The names of NTC Mills in Madhya Pradesh are as follows :

1. Bengal Nagpur Cotton Mills, Rajnandgaon.
2. Burhanpur Tapti Mills, Burhanpur.
3. Hira Mills, Ujjain.
4. Indore Malwa United Mills, Indore.
5. Kalyanmal Mills, Indore.
6. New Bhopal Textile Mills, Bhopal.
7. Swadeshi Textile Mills, Indore.

(b) 6260 employees of the NTC Mills in Madhya Pradesh have availed voluntary retirement upto 31st March, 1998.

(c) The two mills at Rajnandgaon and Burhanpur have not been considered economically viable.

(d) and (e) There is no scheme to provide working capital to these mills for the present.

(f) and (g) NTC (MP) Ltd. has been under reference to BIFR. Since the company was not considered viable the BIFR issued show cause notice for winding up. However, final orders are yet to be passed by BIFR. In the meanwhile based on a unit wise viability study made by NTC a revised turn around plan for the viable mills is under consideration, keeping in view the BIFR norm of net worth of the mills turning positive in the prescribed period. The interest of the workers will be kept in view while finalising the turn around plan.

[English]

Export of Iron Ore

2657. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of iron ore exported during the last three years, particularly from Kudremukh in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Government have received any fresh orders for exports of iron ore; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) The total quantity of Iron Ore exported during the last three years and the quantity of Iron Ore concentrate and pellets exported by M/s. Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) is as follows:

(Figures in Million Tonnes)

Years	Total Export	Export by KIOCL
1995-96	31.72	6.23
1996-97	27.63	5.56
1997-98 (Prov.)	27.66	6.15

(b) and (c) Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation Ltd. (MMTC) have secured orders for export of the following quantities of Iron Ore during 1998-99 as part of the on-going long term contracts:

1. Japan : 7.20 Million Tonnes (MT) including 1.0 MT by M/s. KIOCL.
2. South Korea : 2.3 MT.
3. Pakistan : 0.7 MT

The following orders have been secured on spot basis:

- A. China : 1.5 Million Tonnes
- B. Others : 0.15 Million Tonnes

KIOCL has secured export orders for concentrates and pellets of 3.30 MT and 2.80 MT respectively for 1998-99.

Staff Inspection Unit

2658. SHRI CHHATTRA PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the role assigned to the Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) in the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure);