

[*Translation*]**Bauxite Mining at Khurkhuri Dadar by
BALCO**

7536. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of years for which lease was awarded for bauxite mining to Bharat Aluminium company Ltd. (BALCO) functioning in Khurkhuri Dadar in Mandla, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Company has followed completely the rules regarding mining and environment;

(c) whether the Company has sought permission for taking other mines on lease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Bharat Aluminium Company Limited was awarded the lease for the bauxite mines in Khurkhuri Dadar area in the district of Mandla in Madhya Pradesh for a period of 30 years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The company has sought permission to open another mine in the Hazaridadar area also in Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh.

[*English*]**MPEDA Assistance for Export of Fish**

7537. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities and assistance provided by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for export promotion of fresh fish, dry fish and fishmeal;

(b) whether there is any proposal to enhance these facilities and assistance to boost the exports further, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to promote export by MPEDA in Western Coast in order to enhance exports further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) MPEDA does not have any specific programmes for providing facilities and assistance for promotion of exports of fresh fish, dry fish and fishmeal. A 300-tonne Dry Fish storage has been established by Marine Product Export Development Authority in Tuticorin.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The steps being taken by MPEDA in this regard are:

(i) Modernisation of processing facilities, quality upgradation and reduction in waste;

(ii) induction of new technology and value addition;

(iii) aggressive market promotion measures;

(iv) stepping up export production by development of capture fisheries;

(v) Stepping up production of culture fisheries:

(a) by increasing per hectare