

to be funded by internal and extra budgetary resources of Public enterprises also. In 1989-90 R.E. as much as 48.9% of total Central Plan outlay was to be met from the latter source.

In the circumstance non-Plan expenditure in budget will always be higher than plan expenditure from Budget. However it is always the endeavour of government to keep the growth of non-plan expenditure to the minimum necessary, so as to maximise the resources available for funding developmental schemes and plan projects.

[English]

Withdrawal of Freight Equalisation Scheme in West Bengal

8254. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of West Bengal have requested for withdrawal of the existing freight equalisation scheme in its totality;

(b) if so, the reasons advanced by the State Government; and

(c) the reasons for non-abolition of the said scheme as yet?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) the Government of West Bengal have requested for withdrawal of the existing freight equalisation scheme for iron and steel on the ground that the policy is depriving them of the advantage of proximity to the source of raw material. Another reason advanced by them is that the policy has not been extended to other commodities.

(c) The Government has initially de-

ecided to abolish the freight equalisation scheme in a phased manner. However, when this decision was made known in the Parliament many State Governments presented against withdrawal of this scheme. The Government has therefore, decided to refer this matter to the National Development Council.

Bauxite ore/Alumina Plant in Andhra Pradesh

8255. SHRIMATI CHENNUPATI VIDYA:
SHRI M. M. PALLAM RAJU:
SHRI RAMA KRISHNA
KONTHALA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the areas identified as rich in bauxite deposits; and

(b) the present status of the proposed bauxite ore/alumina complex in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI):

(a) Rich deposits of Bauxite are known in the districts of East Godavari and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh; Ranchi, Santhalparganas, Gumla and Lohardaga in Bihar; Jamnagar, Janagadh and Kutch in Gujarat; Udhampur in Jammu and Kashmir; Uttar Kannad and Dakshin Kannad in Karnataka, Cennanore in Kerala; Balaghat, Bilaspur, Mandla, Rewa and Sarguja in Madhya Pradesh, Kolaba, Kolhapur, Ratnagiri and Satara in Maharashtra; Bough-Khondmas, Bolangir, Sampalpur, Kalahandi, Kendujhar and Koraput in Orissa; Nilgiris and Salem in Tamil Nadu; Banda and Lalitpur districts in Uttar Pradesh; and also in the State of Goa.