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Ores Supply from Barajanda Sector to Steel Plants in Orissa

2720. **SHRI LOKANATH CHOU-DHURY**: Will the Minister of **STEEL AND MINES** be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of iron and manganese ores supplied to the steel plants from Barajanda sector in Orissa; and

(b) the cost of procurement and delivery to steel plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (**SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI**): (a) The quantities supplied during 1989-90 and 1990-91 (1st quarter) are as under:

Ore	Year	Quantity (lakh tonnes)
Iron Ore	1989-90	26.26
	1990-91	5.67
Manganese Ore	1989-90	3.10
	1990-91	0.79

(b) Latest procurement/delivery prices paid for the above ores in 1990-91 are as under:

From Captive Iron Ore mines: : Rs. 227.40 to Rs. 231.40 per tonne.

From Non-Captive mines : (i) Iron Ore—Rs. 208 per tonne.

(ii) Manganese Ore—Rs. 334 per tonne.

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Export of Iron and Manganese Ores Through Paradeep Port

2721. **SHRI LOKANATH CHOU-DHURY**: Will the Minister of **COMMERCE** be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of iron ore and manganese ore exported through Paradeep Port during the last three years; and

(b) how these ores are transported to Paradeep and the cost of transportation per tonne?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (**SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN**): (a) The quantities of iron ore and manganese ore exported through Paradeep Port during the last 3 years are as under:

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
(i) Iron Ore	17.09	16.39	20.98
(ii) Manganese Ore	..	0.11	0.25

(b) Iron ore from Barajamada Sector is mostly transported by rail and the present railway freight charged ranges between Rs. 142 to Rs. 147 per tonne depending on the loading station. Iron ore from Gandhamardhan/Daitary mines is supplied by Orissa Mining Corporation directly by road to Paradeep Port and the present transportation charges by road are Rs. 142 per tonne from Gandhamardhan and Rs. 83 per tonne from Daitary Mines to Paradeep Port. Manganese Ore is transported by suppliers by rail/road directly upto vessel and the cost of transportation is not made available by these suppliers to MMTC.

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Export of Spices and Black Pepper

2722. **SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN**: Will the Minister of **COMMERCE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of spices and black pepper has declined during 1989-90;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether export of plantation crop produce recorded an increase during this period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN

THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) Exports of spices (including black pepper) and black pepper for the last two years are shown separately below:

Item	1988-89		1989-90	
	Qty. M.T.	Val. Rs. Crores	Qty. M.T.	Val. Rs. Crores
Spices	99826	273.65	99886	274.36
Pepper	38020	164.20	36601	159.88

It would be seen that total export of spices marginally increased both in terms of quantity and value. Export of pepper during 1989-90 was less by around 4% both in quantity and value than that of 1988-89. Lower production during 1988-89 at 45,000 MT with negligible carryover stock and late arrivals during 1989-90 season resulted in the decline of pepper exports during 1989-90.

(c) and (d) Export of tea increased during 1989-90 to Rs. 905 crores as against exports valued at Rs. 644.26 crores during the preceding year. The export of coffee also increased to Rs. 351.80 crores in 1989 from Rs. 337.72 crores during the preceding year. The export of cardamom however declined from Rs. 9.88 crores during 1988-89 to Rs. 3.19 crores during 1989-90. This decline is due to decline in production of cardamom resulting in hike in domestic prices of this produce.

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Closure of Madras Mint

2723. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally closed down the Madras Mint;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any representations from the jewellers of South to keep the Madras Mint open; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRY): (a) There is no Mint at Madras. Only a Gold Collection-cum-Delivery Centre functions there. At present there is no proposal to close it down.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

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Norms and Basis to Determine Tariff Rates in Five Star Hotels

2724. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the authority for determining the tariff rates for the five star hotels and the norms and basis for determining these tariff rates;

(b) the time gap after which these rates are revised and for how many