

(c) if so, the quantity of iron ore proposed to be exported to Japan during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Total quantity of iron ore imported by Japan from India during the last three years has been as under.

(Million tonnes)

1986-87	21.59
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1987-88	19.94
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1988-89	21.34
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(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. During 1989-90 the quantity of iron ore anticipated to be exported to Japan is 23.45 million tonnes including an optional quantity of 1.2 million tonnes.

Ad Hoc Appointments in Coffee Board

*77. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any norms have been laid down for ad-hoc appointments in the various offices of Coffee Board.

(b) if so, what are these norms;

(c) whether these norms were followed in respect of ad-hoc appointments made recently in Coffee Board, Bangalore; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether these appointments are being cancelled?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b). Since no ad-hoc appointments are made in the Coffee Board no norms for the same have been prescribed. In exigencies of work when the vacancies arise the practice is to appoint

daily wagers till these vacancies are filled on a regular basis.

(c) and (d). No appointments have been made on ad-hoc basis recently. Only a few appointments on daily wages had to be made to cope with the work in work charged units due to vacancies arising on account of mass promotion of a large number of group "D" employees. These vacancies have already been notified to the employment exchanges concerned as per the prescribed rules for selection of suitable candidates.

[Translation]

Railway Line in Chambal Division

*78. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval of the Planning Commission has been received from 1985 till date for laying any new railway line in the Chambal division of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir, as part of the Guna-Etawah line.

(b) The completion will depend on availability of resources.

[English]

Debt Servicing Ratio

*79. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the present debt servicing ratio of the country and the ratio in 1980 and 1984?