

rolite (20) Vermiculite (21) Granite and other dimension stones.

The export of Gold is regulated by the Reserve Bank of India under Gold Control Act.

(c) The Government has not received any reports from the Indian Bureau of Mines or the Department of Mining and Geology, Karnataka for changing the licensing of minerals.

Gap between Control and Market Prices of Essential Commodities

*711. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:
SHRI CHITTA MAHATA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that at present there is a big gap between controlled and market prices of essential commodities in a climate of scarcity; and

(b) if so, what effective measures Government propose to remove this gap?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Prices of most of the essential commodities are not being statutorily controlled. However, certain essential commodities like cereals, sugar, kerosene, soft coke, etc. are being issued to State Governments for public distribution at uniform central issue prices. With a view to reducing the gap between the market prices and the central issue prices, periodical reviews are made to take remedial action relating to production, procurement, transportation and distribution including enforcement of various statutory orders.

राष्ट्रीय मजूरी नीति

*713. श्री मूलबंध डाला : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार राष्ट्रीय मजूरी नीति को लागू करने का है ताकि विभिन्न विभागों में उसी तरह के काम में कार्यरत व्यक्तियों को समान मजूरी मिले और यदि हां, तो कब और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकारी कार्यालयों के अतिरिक्त विभिन्न सरकारी उपक्रमों में काम करने वाले व्यक्तियों को समान काम के लिये समान मजूरी नहीं मिलती है और इसके परिणाम-स्वरूप सरकार को समय-समय पर हड़तालों और आन्दोलनों का सामना करना पड़ता है और सरकार इस स्थिति से निबटने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार मजूरी नीति बनाते समय देश की आर्थिक अवस्था और प्रति व्यक्ति आय को ध्यान में रखेगी ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री मगन भाई बरोट) : (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार के विभिन्न विभागों में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों का विद्यमान वेतन ढांचा तीसरे वेतन आयोग की सिफारिशों पर आधारित है। आयोग ने अपनी सिफारिशें तैयार करते समय इस बात को सुनिश्चित करने की आवश्यकता को ध्यान में रखा था कि विभिन्न विभागों में उसी तरह के काम में कार्यरत व्यक्तियों को समान पारिश्रमिक दिया जाए;

(ख) ऐतिहासिक कारणों से सरकारी क्षेत्र के कुछ उपक्रमों के वेतन ढांचे में विकृतियां हैं। परन्तु सरकार का यह

प्रयास रहा है कि विभिन्न सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों में उसी तरह के काम में कार्यरत कर्मचारियों के वेतनों में विषमताओं को कम किया जाए। इन उपक्रमों को अपने कर्मचारियों के वेतन और भत्तों के सामान्य संशोधन के लिए सरकार की पूर्वानुमति लेनी होती है। ऐसे प्रस्तावों की जांच करते समय सरकार इस बात को ध्यान में रखती है कि उसी उद्योग अथवा क्षेत्र में विभिन्न उपक्रमों के बीच वेतन ढांचे में अनुसूचित विषमताओं को टाला जाए। इन प्रस्तावों के परिणामस्वरूप कुछ मात्रा में उत्तरोत्तर रूप से तुल्यता प्राप्त की जा रही है।

(ग) जी, हां।

Difficulties in disposal of Iron ore from Kudremukh

*714. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL:
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India was facing difficulties in the disposal of iron ore in the Kudremukh Project; and

(b) if so, what is the quantity of iron ore used indigenously last year and the quantity exported indicating the countries to which iron ore is being exported and whether the importing countries are regularly lifting their stocks?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) & (b) During 1979-80, 39.7 million tonnes of iron ore were produced in the country, of which about 15 million tonnes were consumed internally and the balance exported to a number of countries, principally Japan, Romania and South Korea.

The importing countries have been lifting the stocks.

The Kudremukh Project is intended to produce iron ore concentrate (and not iron ore as such), which is a special kind of product processed from low grade magnetite iron ore by beneficiation, upgradation and magnetic separation and is meant to be used as feed material for production of high quality pellets suitable for direct gaseous reduction. This project has been taken up to meet Iran's requirement of pellet feed on a long-term basis and, according to the terms of the Contract, 3 million tonnes are to be delivered to Iran during the first full year starting from September, 1980, 5 million tonnes during the second year and 7.5 million tonnes annually from the third year onward. Because of the internal problems of Iran and the setback to her steel development programme, the present indications are that the off-take of Kudremukh concentrate may not materialise in the next 2-3 years and, even after, it will be limited at the maximum to about 5 million tonnes a year. Although the matter is still under negotiation with Iran, serious efforts are being made simultaneously to find alternative markets for the surplus concentrate. In view of the special nature of the product, difficulty is being experienced in finding alternative buyers.

Tourism in Coastal Areas of Tamil Nadu

5518. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the details of the steps taken to utilise the coastal areas in Tamil Nadu for tourist attraction?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION, (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) The following tourist facilities have been provided at cen-