

बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए मंत्री महोदय स्टेट्स को लिसिंगे और इस बारे में कोई कार्रवाई करने पर विचार करेंगे ?

श्री प्रकाश चन्द्र सेठी: माननीय सदस्य का सवाल खाम तौर पर दिल्ली सेल्ज टैक्स के बारे में था। माननीय सदस्य ने जो जानकारी दी है, जांच-पड़ताल किए बिना उसके बारे में कुछ कहना मुश्किल है।

### Discovery of Tin Ore Koraput and Bastar

†337. SHRI A. C. DAS: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tin ore has been detected in Dummagoda and Mundagoda in Koraput District and Orissa and in the adjoining areas in the Bastar District of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what are the exploratory drilling schemes prepared by the Geological Survey of India to test this tin bearing vast area of Koraput and Bastar; and

(c) what additional inputs in terms of increasing the drilling machine with logistic support are being proposed to be deployed for unearthing this important mineral?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c). Geological Survey of India has carried out systematic mapping including detailed exploration for tin ore in parts of Bastar District in Madhya Pradesh from 1975 to 1978. Based on the above, 40 sq. kms. of prospective tin ore bearing area has been identified. GSI has also carried out investigations for tin in parts of Koraput District in Orissa and several zones have been demarcated in these areas which show tin values. A three year scheme (1982-85) has now been prepared by GSI in collaboration with the State Directorates of Mining of

Orissa and Madhya Pradesh and other agencies for exploration of primary tin prospects in Bastar District of Madhya Pradesh and Koraput District of Orissa. The proposed programme is scheduled to commence from the Field Season of 1982-83 and exploration will be carried out by various geoscientific methods including drilling for which adequate number of drills with requisite logistic support as required will be deployed.

SHRI A. C. DAS : So far as the exploration part is concerned, it is all right. But it so happens that there are some local people who know the technique of smelting the tin ore and they separate tin from the ore. They are also selling it. Some time back it was reported in the papers that tin worth Rs. 6 lakhs was seized by the Government from a Jeep and the tin was stolen from that area. I even now understand that a large amount of tin is being smuggled out from the area. May I know what steps Government have taken to see that such a large scale theft of tin from the area is checked specially in the Koraput area?

SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA: As and when we receive any information about the illegal mining of the tin ore, we alert the State Government concerned to take necessary preventive measures. In Bastar area some cases of illegal mining have been registered with the police. As a preventive measures the State Government have opened police chowkies to prevent illegal mining in the area. The number of mining inspectors have also been increased and the State Mining Corporation has also posted a number of chowkidars in that area. I have no knowledge of the area mentioned by the hon. Member. If he supplies some paper giving the information, I shall look into it and the needful will be done.

SHRI A. C. DAS: Does Government propose to set up any smelting plant in the Koraput District? If

so, by what time is this plant likely to be set up ?

**SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA:** I cannot assure the hon. Member of setting up of a smelter in Koraput areas because mapping and tracing is going on and detailed drilling will be undertaken only after the results are found to be substantial.

**SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:** Are they able to have any estimate regarding the quantum of ore which they are going to have in Bastar? What time they will require to explore the possibility of drilling and mining?

**SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA:** As I have already stated, mapping is going on. Thereafter drilling will be the last stage.

As regards Bastar District, investigation revealed the presence of 223 tonnes of tin ore in Mundagonda Block in Koraput District. Investigation is still going on.

About Madhya Pradesh, Geological Survey of India has carried out investigation in Bastar District. It has assured total of 1182 tonnes of reserves of tin ore. Besides this the Director, Geological Mining, Madhya Pradesh Government has carried out investigation with the United Nations Development Programme assistance. It has so far estimated a total of 1,500 tonnes of tin ore in other blocks of the same districts.

**SHRI D.P. YADAV:** Has extensive exploratory work about the tin availability in Bihar been done by the G.S.I.? If so, are there prospects of the metal in Bihar? By which time do you expect to be selfsufficient in tin requirement of the country? By which time is the import expected to be stopped?

**SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA:** With regard to the three parts of the question which the hon. Member has put, I can only say that the G.S.I. has carried out investigation for tin minerals in Bihar Gujarat, Mysore and Rajasthan. I may also inform that since the investigation did not yield

any encouraging result, the G.S.I. has stopped further investigation in the above areas.

**SHRI D.P. YADAV:** What about import?

**SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA:** We are importing tin from Malaysia, North Vietnam and Indonesia. In 1980-81, from Malaysia about 2.175 tonnes of ore.....

**MR. SPEAKER:** It is all right. You can give it later.

**SHRI ARVIND NETAM:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, just now the hon. Minister has said that the Government of India has instructed the State Government to check illicit mining, which is taking place in Bastar area. The mining at the area had just begun as a cottage industry and all the Departments including the Police Department are involved in that illegal mining. May I request the hon. Minister at least to send a team to look into all these illegal minings which are taking place there? Would the hon. Minister consider this point?

**SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA:** I will take up this matter seriously with the concerned State Government and I will also see that needful is done in this regard.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Shri Narayan Choubey—Absent.

**PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:** I have given a question on the same subject of cement. I may be allowed.

**MA. SPEAKER:** Your turn will come, Sir.

#### Accidents in Bokaro Steel Plant

\*339. **SHRI A. K. ROY:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) details of the accidents in Bokaro Steel Plant causing death of workers in 1980 and 1981;

(b) details of loss of life and property in each of such accident.