

plied to the troops. Newspapers and periodicals are, however, purchased by the units concerned according to their requirements.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

#### Export of Mineral Ores

\*738. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreements have been entered into with foreign countries for the export of mineral ores through the eastern ports during the coming years; and

(b) if so, the quantity of mineral ores that will be exported through each of those ports and to which countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation have concluded firm contracts for export of about 10.73 million tonnes of iron ore, 1.74 lakh tonnes of manganese ore and 3.97 lakh tonnes of coal/coke, through the Eastern Ports during 1970-71. A statement indicating the port of shipment, the destination and the delivery period is placed on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

(a) and (b). Details of port of shipment on the Eastern Coast, the countries of import and the delivery period for export during 1970-71 of iron ore, manganese ore, and coal/coke etc. under firm contracts concluded by MMTC are given below:

**Iron Ore:** Firm contracts for the export of 10.73 million tonnes of iron ore through Eastern Ports during 1970-71 have been concluded with Japan and some of the East European countries for shipment as under:

Quantity in million tonnes

Ports	Japan	East Europe	Total
Calcutta/Haldia	0.40	—	0.40
Kakinada	0.30	—	0.30
Paradeep	1.73	0.90	2.63
Vizag.	5.65	—	5.65
Madras	1.65	—	1.65
Cuddalore	0.10	—	0.10
	9.83	0.90	10.73

**Manganese Ore:**—Against firm existing agreements, the MMTC is expected to ship from March till December, 1970 about 1.74 lakh tonnes of manganese ore from the Eastern Ports is detailed below:—

Destination	(Qty. in M/Tons)		
	Calcutta Port	Vizag. Port	Total Qty. to be shipped.
West Europe	—	58,000	58,000
East Europe	—	40,374	40,374
U. S. A.	8,000	12,000	20,000
Japan	1,000	54,609	55,609
	9,000	1,64,983	1,73,983

**Coal:** Two firm agreements have been entered into by MMTC for supply of coal/coke during 1970—one with Burma and the other with West Germany. The Corporation would be exporting about 2,47,000 tons of coal/coke to Burma and about 1,50,000 tons of Durgapur Hard Coke to West Germany during 1970, from Calcutta Port.

#### Government protest over Pak Dailies comments on transfer of Berubari

\*739. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU:  
SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have protested to Pakistan over certain comments made by Government owned prominent dailies of Pakistan over the issue of Transfer of Berubari;

(b) if so, the reaction of Pakistan; and

(c) the other steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reply of the Government of Pakistan has not yet been received.

(c) No other steps in this regard are under consideration at present