

(a) whether the Executive Director (Vigilance) of STC in his fact-finding report dated 6th June, 1994 advocated for getting an independent audit conducted into all financial aspects of import of Russian newsprint transactions during the year 1993-94 to fix responsibility for alleged financial losses;

(b) whether Government have arranged for an independent audit;

(c) if so, by whom and the details of the report; and

(d) whether report of independent audit was contrary to the allegations of E.D. (Vig.) of STC and what action Government proposed against E.D. (Vig.)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) STC requested the Comptroller and Auditor General on 27.1.1995 to conduct a special audit since the comments of the Finance Division and Vigilance Division of the STC on the transaction were at variance. After obtaining consolidated comments of the STC on the proposal the CAG have dropped the audit para. CAG have not intimated the Ministry of any special audit undertaken.

(d) Does not arise.

Mining of Minerals in the Country

3349. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of minerals, including fuel minerals, metallic minerals and non-metallic minerals mined in the country, alongwith their annual production during the last three years;

(b) the details of minerals exported; and

(c) the steps to be taken to boost the mining of minerals?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) The names of minerals including fuel, metallic and non-metallic minerals mined in the country alongwith their annual production during the last 3 years is given in Statement-I.

(b) The details of minerals exported during 1994-95 is given in Statement-II

(c) The Government has announced new National Mineral Policy in 1993 which stipulates inter-alia higher investment by the private sector including foreign investment, dereservation of 13 minerals hitherto reserved for exploitation by the public sector only and the induction of State-of-the-Art technology for exploration/exploitation of the minerals.

Statement I

Mineral production 1992-93 to 1994-95 (Mineral-Wise Quantity)

Mineral	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Metallic Minerals				
Bauxite	Tonne	5144916	5534913	4757865
Chromite	"	1071075	1064684	1139294
Copper Ore	"	5209584	5009050	4767623
Gold	Kg.	1850	2075	2373
Iron Ore	000 t.	57147	59655	63037
Lead Conc.	Tonne	60648	53850	51584
Manganese Ore	"	1902650	1696111	1642889

Mineral	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Silver	Kg.	46560	56096	25911
Tin	"	65811	127340	59226
Tungsten	"	5188	5247	5721
Zinc Conc.	Tonne	301283	290152	28215
Non-metallic Minerals				
Agate	Tonne	650	725	600
Apatite	"	16912	12342	11066
Asbestos	"	42213	41725	28610
Ball Clay	"	264849	367562	364368
Barytes	"	480952	526346	483791
Calcareous Sand	"	83072	221218	181678
Calcite	"	64754	70793	62034
Chalk	"	109220	109397	147980
Clay (Others)	"	39875	42308	59808
Corundum	Kg.	21210	20709	7220
Diamond	Carat	18017	19222	25845
Diaspore	Tonne	12085	11318	9923
Diatoma. Earth	"	0	0	0
Dolomite	"	3232042	3349526	3086894
Dunite	"	0	7597	56834
Emerald	Kg.	0	0	0
Felsite	Tonne	000	904	1027
Felspar	"	74046	87155	81343
Fireclay	"	461870	427824	384137
Fluorite (Conc.)	"	19598	22773	24788
Fluorite (Graded)	"	3160	4402	4546
Fusch.	"	1	154	797
Quartzite	"	23029	48383	60508
Garnet (Abrasive)	"			
Garnet (Gem)	Kg.	507	841	378
Graphite	Tonne	78185	83955	101164
Non-metallic Minerals (Contd.)				
Gypsum	Tonne	1801677	1685531	1550812
Jasper	"	4284	5556	4443
Kaolin	"	668110	645080	663190
Laterite	"	494754	469045	367128
Kyanite	"	9716	10736	4680
Lime Kankar	"	59275	130667	137787
Limeshell	"	106032	109595	78933
Limestone	000t.	88204	83695	88128
Magnesite	Tonne	540904	374597	336181
Mica	"	2560	2144	1963
Mica	"	1158	878	748
(Waste & SCR)	"			
Ochre	"	148651	202405	191240

Mineral	Unit	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Perlite	"	215	254	274
Phosphorite	"	689774	1035517	1086291
Pyrites	"	130100	115000	117660
Pyrophyllite	"	82266	92373	91373
Quartz	"	204754	177608	170188
Quartzite	"	108419	87030	72973
Salt (Rock)	"	2900	3100	2875
Sand (Others)	"	2096690	1444829	1249409
Shale	"	217881	192455	189273
Silica Sand	"	1208463	2163657	1268088
Sillimanite	"	20394	12287	9972
Slate	"	14013	11136	6947
Steatite	"	413929	421257	388521
Sulphur	"	14543	17579	19050
Vermiculite	"	1455	2322	1899
Wollastonite	"	54183	62029	74538
Fuel Minerals				
Coal	000 t.	238508	246356	254077
Lignite	"	16618	18008	19257
Natural Gas				
(Utilised)	M.c.m.	16116	16340	17330
Petroleum	000 t.	26950	27027	32230
(Crude)				

Statement II*Exports of Minerals & Metals 1994-95
(By Principal Items)*

(Value in Rs. '000)

Item	Unit	Quantity	Value
Minerals			
Alumina	Tonne	479569	2313887
Asbestos	"	151	1429
Barytes	"	244643	238684
Chromite	"	490212	1027322
Coal	000 t.	673	883873
Diamond (cut & uncut)	—	*	123571213
Emerald	—	*	1328295
Granite	Tonne	1133000	9056746
Ilmenite	"	177674	492066
Iron Ore	000 t.	26062	12976318
Limestone	tonne	299584	39552
Manganese Ore	"	276598	345715
Mica		30074	387402

Item	Unit	Quantity	Value
Precious & semi-precious	—	*	2167499
Stone, NEC	"	27783	97878
Steatite	"	1238	10104
Sulphur			
Metals			
Aluminium & Scrap	Tonne	88986	4532352
Copper & alloys (including brass & bronze)"	"	4804	588204
Ferro-alloys	"	199700	3005492
Iron & Steel (Material & scrap)	"	1241172	16290238
Silver	Kg.	768	5899
Tin & alloys (incl. Scrap)	Tonne	1073	79686
Zinc & Alloys (including scrap)	"	6206	227049
Lead & alloys & scrap	"	3767	80704
Tungsten Alloys & Scrap	Kg.	10674	30271
Nickel & alloys (Incl. scrap)	Tonne	138	10035

*Quantity figures not given due to partial coverage: value figure, however, has full coverage.

Revival scheme for Cycle Corporation of India Ltd.

3350. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new revival scheme has been proposed by Cycle Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL) management to Government;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government on the scheme;

(c) whether CCIL is trying for a Japanese collaboration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The revival scheme submitted by the Company was not found viable.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Proposal to Install Steel Plant in Orissa

3351. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa and SAIL have a proposal to install a steel plant in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information furnished by the State Government of Orissa, the steel plant, under the name and style of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. will be located at the Integrated Industrial Complex, Duburi in Jajpur District of Orissa and is expected to manufacture 0.5 million tpa pig iron and 0.6 million tpa steel billets/wire rods. The total project cost of the