

(c) The quantum and value of iron ore exports since 1988-89 has been as

	(In Lakh tonnes)	(Rs. in crores)
Year	Quantity	Value
		665.38
1989-90 •	337.70	891.12
(April— November)		569.52

(d) As per projections of the Working Group on Iron & Steel Industry for the 8th Plan the production of crude steel is expected to increase from about 14.0 MT in 1989-90 to about 25 MT by 1994-95.

(e) Yes, Sir. The present projections are that about 2 MT of steel will be capable of being exported by 1994-95, and 4 MT by the year 2000 A. D.

Privatisation of container depots and container freight stations

*119. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise container depots and container freight stations in the near future;

(b) if so, whether departments concerned with economic activities have agreed to the said decision; and

(c) whether there is any viable alternative to handing over to the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) to (c) With a view to expediting the development of containerisation and to facilitate growth of multimodal transport services, on cost effective basis, participation of private sector

in Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and Container Freight Stations (CFSs) has been examined from time to time. While complete agreement has not been reached on various aspects relating to ownership and management of ICDs and CFSs by private sector, however, for the present, a consensus has evolved on certain specific activities such as handling and transportation of cargo being contracted to private sector agency on commercial basis in operation of ICDs and CFSs.

Quota of pig iron for small scale Industries in Gujarat

*120. SHRI VITHAIBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has requested the Central Government to increase the quota of pig iron for small scale industries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the allocation of pig iron to Gujarat has been considerably reduced;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited has failed to supply the allocated quota of pig iron in the current year; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet the demand of Gujarat State?