

Kudremukh Iron Ore Project

151. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Kudremukh Iron Ore Project;

(b) what has been the production in the last three years; and

(c) what is the current state of negotiation with Iran for lifting the targeted quantity of iron ore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The Kudremukh Iron ore Project was completed on Schedule in 1980 and is production. However, in view of the inability of Iran to lift the contracted quantities of concentrate the production has to be restricted to meet the requirement of other buyers.

(b) The production of iron ore concentrate in the last three years is as under:—

Year	Production (in million tonnes)
1982-83	1.18
1983-84	1.20
1984-85	1.61

(c) Negotiations are being held from time to time with Iran to resolve various issues including the lifting of the concentrate.

Production target for different Steel Plants

152. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what were the production targets fixed for the different steel plants for the Sixth Five Years Plan period;

(b) whether these targets have been achieved;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative; what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase the production of steel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The targets and production of saleable steel by SAIL (including HSCO) and TISCO during the last five years and their production plan for 1985-86 is given below:—

Year	SAIL (including HSCO)			T I S C O		
	Target	Actual	% age of fulfilment of target	Target	Actual	% age of fulfilment of target
1980-81	5795	4767	82	1550	1537	99.2
1981-82	5730	5651	99	1550	1686	108
1982-83	5800	5672	97.8	1550	1621	105
1983-84	4731	4771	101	1550	1626	105
1984-85	5410	5283	97.6	1650	1714	104
1985-86	5960	1700

(c) and (d) Production depends on various factors like the health of the plants, adequate availability of the right quality of inputs and the market needs. Efforts are made to attain high capacity

utilisation by proper maintenance and inputs of the desired quality.

As a long term measure output of steel in the country will also be increased by technological upgradation of existing plants and setting up of new steel plants.