

between the main land and the old Bombay.

The Study Group suggested that the Government of Maharashtra should also take the following measures:—

(i) No further increase in the Floor Space Index (FSI) or in the level of commercial activities in old Bombay could be permitted to take place.

(ii) The projected shifting of wholesale markets from old Bombay to the mainland would be carried out as mentioned in the Bombay Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (BMRDA) plans.

(iii) All other relevant steps would be taken to decongest the old city and encourage the growth of New Bombay.

#### **Financial aid given to women under the science and technology for women scheme**

2610. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial aid is given to women under the Science and Technology for Women scheme for providing employment opportunities to them;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and for what purpose financial aid is given under the scheme;

(c) the amount of financial aid so given to women during the last three years, year-wise and the number of women so far benefited under the scheme;

(d) what is the criterion for the selection of women for the scheme; and

(e) what steps have been taken or are being taken to make the women aware of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V.

PATIL): (a) Financial aid is given to several Governmental and voluntary agencies, Scientific Institutions, Universities and Research Laboratories for implementing projects and training programmes under the Sixth Five Year Plan Scheme entitled "Science and Technology for Women" being implemented by the government.

(b) The main objectives of this scheme are: application of science and Technology to benefit women by providing gainful employment to them, especially in rural areas; to reduce the element of drudgery in their lives; to provide adequate medical and nutritional facilities; to improve sanitation and environmental conditions, and to protect women from occupational hazards. The scheme also envisages contribution by women to the development of science and technology. The projects funded under this scheme pertain to: survey, development of new technologies, transfer of available technologies through demonstration, field trials; training programmes; dissemination of information etc.

(c) The total outlay of this scheme for Sixth Plan period is Rupees one crore. The actual implementation of the project was started in 1981 and the year-wise expenditure is as follows:

1981-82	Rs. 5 lakhs
1982-83	Rs. 17 lakhs
1983-84	Rs. 27 lakhs

(envisaged)

About 800 women have been enrolled for various training programmes.

(d) The criteria for the selection of women are determined by the implementing institutions based on the nature of the programme, local conditions of the area, target groups as well as the expected outcome of the programme.

(e) Awareness about the scheme has been generated through the publi-

caution and circulation of material containing descriptions of technologies relevant for women; organisation of seminars, workshops, meeting and holding exhibitions for the benefit of rural women.

**Deposits of iron ore in Maharashtra**

2611. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:  
SHRI SHRIDHAR WASUDEO  
DHABE:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that iron ore mines are operating in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra to extract large deposits of iron ore;

(b) since when they are operating and how much quantity of ore has been extracted so far and what are the total deposits iron ore in the districts; and

(c) how much iron of the district is used by Maharashtra Electros melt Limited, a State Government undertaking, per year for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) Two iron ore mines in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra are being operated by the Maharashtra Electros melt Limited and one by a private company. The Maharashtra Electros melt has leasehold of estimated reserves of

1.82 million tonnes of ore with 63 per cent to 69 per cent iron as on 1-1-1980. 162 million tonnes of reserve occur in Chandrapur district.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Closure of industrial units**

2612. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:

SHRI SHRIDHAR WASUDEO  
DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units closed in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number out of them which have been opened in the last three years' year-wise; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to reopen the rest and what is the loss of production per year and number of workers rendered unemployed due to closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) According to data collected by the Ministry of Labour, number of factories closed during 1980-82 was as follows:

	1980		1981		1982	
	No. of closures	No. of employees affected (000)	No. of closures	No. of employees affected (000)	No. of closures	No. of employees affected (000)
(i) Due to industrial disputes.	N.A.	N.A.	311	8	188	15
(ii) Due to other reasons.	340	18	350	37	442	42
			661	45	630	57