

1	2	3	4	5
7. Bhandara	1979-80	156	193	349
	1980-81	489	69	558
	1981-82	495	177	672
8. Chandrapur	1979-80	456	191	647
	1980-81	150	120	270
	1981-82	150	342	492

Note : Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra now consists of nine districts. Gadchiroli district has been carved out from the existing district of Chandrapur. A DIG to cover the newly carved out district of Gadchiroli was sanctioned w.e.f. 1.4.1983. The data as indicated against Chandrapur district (S.No. 8 above) also covers the areas which have now been included in Gadchiroli District.

2514. [Transferred to the 16th August, 1983]

Exploitation of copper ore in Balaghat

2515. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far with regard to exploitation of copper ore in Balaghat;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a copper smelter plant there; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken so far in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) Exploitation of copper ore in Balaghat District is being done by Malanjkhand Copper Project of Hindustan Copper Limited. An open cast mine having a capacity of one million tonne of ore per annum has been established and is under production. The ore is concentrated in the Concentrator Plant set up at the Project. The concentrates produced are sent to the Smelter at Khet-ri Copper Complex for conversion into copper metal.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

'No Industry District' in Gujarat

2516". SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG AIYUBBAIG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has recommended any districts to be declared as 'No Industry districts' in Gujarat; if so, what is their number;

(b) how many districts have been accepted; and

(c) what are the reasons for rejecting the rest of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) The Government of Gujarat had requested for inclusion of the following districts in the list of No Industry Districts:—

1. Dangs.
2. Sabrkantha.
3. Gandhinagar.
4. Amreli.
5. Banaskantha.

A district is declared a 'No Industry District' only if no Large or Medium Scale Industry is located therein. Only Dangs which fulfilled the above criteria was included.