

(d) by when Government are likely to take a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) A special Central assistance of Rs.4.31 crores was sanctioned to the Government of Kerala for revitalisation of the existing potentially viable coir cooperative societies in the State during the Fifth Plan period.

(b) to (d) A decision will be taken on various issues relating to development of coir industry including the question of delegation of powers requested by Government of Kerala for implementation of the Husk Control in Coir Industry as soon as Government takes a final view on the report of the High Level Study Team on Coir Industry constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri B. Sivaraman.

**स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड
के अधिकारियों द्वारा दिया गया
खर्च**

2501. श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री 24 फरवरी, 1983 को राज्य-सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 527 के दिये गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड की अधीनस्थ 8 कंपनियों ने 16 जून, 1981 से जून, 1983 तक की अवधि के दौरान 5 स्टार होटल में ठहरने पर कितना खर्च किया ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन० कें० पी० साल्वे) : जानकारी प्राप्त की जा रही और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Import of *mnpm*l*

2502. SHRI CHANDAN K. BAGCHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have to import sizeable quantity of magnesite to meet the country's demand;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange spent during the last three years on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House,

Production of iron ore

2503. SHRI CHANDAN K. BAGCHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of iron ore during the years 1980, 1981 and 1982 in the country; and

(b) what is the estimated production during the year 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) and (b) The actual production of iron ore in the country during the years 1980, 1981 and 1982; January—June, 1983 and estimated figures for 1983 are given below:—

	(Million tonnes)
1980	41.935
1981	41.460
1982	41.997
1983 Jan.—June,	21.209
1983 (Estimated)	42.000

Source: Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.