

(c) The production of scooters during 1981 and 1982 was as under:

Year	Production (In Nos.)
1981	2,01,000 appr.
1982	2,50,000 appr.

(d) The demand projection for scooters during 1983-84 and 1984-85 is as under:

Year	(In Nos.)
1983-84	3,25,000
1984-85	4,00,000

The figures of expected production for the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

"Committees on Ecology and Environment"

1923. SHRI K. V. R. S. BALA SUBBA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different Committees under Government aegis, with respect to Ecology Environment and all forms of Pollution Control;

(b) what are the names of officials and non-officials members of such Committees; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase non-official members to have wider public participation there-on?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) and (b) There are 30 Committees, Expert Groups, Task forces etc. on different areas of environment and ecology relating to environmental planning.

environmental research, environmental education, envionmental ecological tasks, environmental management, wildlife management, pollution control and environmental protection, Botanical and Zoological Surveys etc. These involve scientists, technologists environmentalists, ecologists, naturalists public men, educationists, media experts, sociologists, economists, environmental engineers and legal experts and their number is approximately 350. These Committees are time bound or are reconstituted periodically depending on the task assigned.

(c) The Government already involves a large number of non-official members in such Committees. Their number in any Committee is decided on the nature of the task assigned and is variable. Care is taken to give adequate public participation in such Committees, as is appropriate.

Sponage iron plant at Kathogudem

1924. SHRI K. V. R. S. BALA SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the experimental Pilot Sponge Iron Plant at Kathogudem in Andhra Pradesh has proved successful;

(b) what are the details of production of above plant since inception;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more sponge iron plants at various places in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what are the details of such proposals, both in public and other sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) and (b) Government have set up a sponge iron Demonstration Plant with an annual capacity of 30,000 tonnes with UNDP/UNIDO assistance at Kathogudem in Andhra Pradesh. The plant has successfully produced