

### Ore handling at Calcutta Port

2514. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ore handling at Calcutta Port has further declined in relation to Bombay, Madras, Paradip Vishakhapatnam and Mormugao;

(b) if so, the details of ore handled by these ports in 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to canalise more ore ex-

port through Calcutta and Haldia ports and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) Yes. No iron ore was handled at Calcutta Port during the last five years. At Haldia Dock Complex also, the iron ore handling had declined.

(b) No ore is handled at Bombay Port. The details of iron ore handled at the ports of Calcutta, Madras, Paradip, Visakhapatnam and Mormugao during the last five years are as follows:—

(in lakh tonnes)

Port	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Calcutta . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..
Haldia . . . . .	1.33	0.96	0.89	0.13	0.13
Madras . . . . .	23.22	29.52	28.65	27.43	33.57
Paradip . . . . .	22.00	17.26	16.51	18.18	16.37
Visakhapatnam . . . . .	63.57	59.63	54.33	56.57	61.94
Mormugao . . . . .	102.10	93.60	131.50	124.20	*156.78

\*including other ores.

(c) The iron ore is at present generally expected in bulk carriers of large size which neither Calcutta Port nor the Haldia Dock Complex is able to handle because of non-availability of requisite draughts. As such, it is not possible to canalise any iron ore export through Calcutta. Even at Haldia, the transportation of iron ore has been completely stopped and only the existing stocks are being lifted to the extent possible.

### Completion of Eluru by-pass on National Highway No. 5

2515. SHRI KRISHNA MOHAN BHAMIDIPATI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the scheduled date of completion of Eluru by-pass road on National Highway No. 5 in West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Due to overall financial constraints and other inter-se priority of National Highway improvement works it has not been possible to include construction of this by-pass in the current five year plan.