

Boosting up of export of engineering goods

1389. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT; SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide inputs to the Engineering Industry to booster its sagging exports.

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the targets of engineering goods exports for the year 1980-81; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to tap potential in neighbouring Asian and West Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Commerce, in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments, has initiated appropriate steps to provide critical inputs to the exporting engineering units for giving a fillip to these exports. Discussions have also been started with the State Governments in this regard.

(c) A target of Rs. 900 crores has been fixed for the export of engineering goods during the year 1980-81.

(d) The Government have been making all efforts to tap the potential export outlets in neighbouring Asian and West Asian countries through holding trade talks, participation in international fairs/exhibitions, holding of wholly Indian Engineering Exhibitions, sending of trade delegations and conducting of market surveys in these countries for obtaining increased access for our engineering goods.

Expenditure incurred on Kudremukh Iron Ore Project

1390. SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on the Kudremukh Iron Ore Project;

(b) when it is expected to be commissioned; and

(c) what are the export prospects of Kudremukh concentrate?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The total expenditure incurred on Kudremukh Iron Ore Project proper upto the end of July, 1980 was Rs. 411.25 crores. In addition, an amount of Rs. 91.04 crores was spent on port development, power scheme and road upto the end of June, 1980.

(b) The Project will be ready for commissioning by the end of August, 1980 as per schedule.

(c) Apart from Iran, a number of other prospective markets are being explored for the sale of the concentrate.

Setting up a transport unit at Jabalpur and Khajuraho

1391. SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for setting up a transport unit at, Jabalpur and Khajuraho conducted by the Indian Tourism Development Corporation has been completed;

(b) if so, by when the unit is likely to be set up and what will be its broad features; and

(c) whether a transport unit is also proposed to be set up at Raipur and if so, what are the details thereof?