

Bauxite Reserves in Orissa

306. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have signed a protocol with the Government of Iran for exploiting the bauxite reserves in Orissa ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA) : (a) and (b) During the recent meeting of the Indo-Iran Joint Commission, the Iranian side agreed in principle to participate in financing of an alumina project based on East Coast bauxite (in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa) to provide for the supply of alumina for a new Smelter to be set up in Iran.

Indo-Pak relations

307. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR :
DR. RAJAT KUMAR
CHAKRABARTI :
SHRI SWAMI DINESH
CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent developments in Pakistan have slowed down the process of further normalisation of relations between India and Pakistan ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE) : (a) and (b) The process of normalisation of relations with Pakistan is continuing. After the imposition of Martial law in Pakistan, the two Governments signed an agreement

in New Delhi on consular facilities for their airlines personnel on August 31, 1977, and an agreement on Telecommunications in Islamabad on October 1, 1977. A delegation of the Indian Oil Corporation signed an agreement with representatives of Pakistan Refineries and National Refineries for the export of furnace oil and naphtha from Pakistan to India, on October 28, 1977, at Karachi. Trade and travel between the two countries have been going on as usual.

Report of the committee on worker's participation in the management.

308. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Tripartite Committee set up by Government to look into the question of workers' participation in equity and management has submitted its report ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) : (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expenditure incurred on Minister's Speech in U.N.O.

309. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:
SHRI S.W. DHABE:
SHRIMATI VIDYAWATI
CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure incurred on equipment, personnel and documents for the speech delivered by him in Hindi in the U. N. General Assembly ;