

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**Export of Chrome and Iron Ore**

*331. SHRI JAMNALAL BERWA:
SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have suffered a loss of 200 to 300 crores of rupees during the last 10 years in the export of chrome and iron ore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the private sector has got a larger share in the export of chrome and iron ore as compared to the public sector, causing heavy loss to the public exchequer; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Exports of iron ore all through during the last 10 years period, have been canalised through MMTC, except that Goan shippers have been permitted to export iron ore of Goan origin. During this period the exports of public sector have been higher than those of private sector, except for the years 1972-73 and 1974-75.

The exports of chrome ore are not canalised and till 1974-75 were free, except for certain grades. From 6th August, 1975 export of chrome ore is banned and limited quantities are being allowed to be exported. The percentage of export of chrome ore by public sector units during 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77 has been about 48 per cent, 41 per cent and 64 per cent respectively.

General conclusion that a loss has been caused to the public exchequer due to above mentioned distribution

of share of exports will not be proper. The matter is at present under fresh examination.

Carpet Weaving Centres in Punjab and Haryana

*338. SHRI BHAIYA RAM MUNDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Carpet Weaving and Training Centres and Marketing extension centres so far set up by the All India Handicrafts Board in each State;

(b) whether any marketing centres have been set up in Haryana and Punjab, if not, what are the reasons therefor, and

(c) by when such centres are likely to be set up in Haryana and Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Statewise distribution of the Carpet-weaving Training Centres and Marketing and Service Extension Centres of the All India Handicrafts Board.

State	Carpet-Weaving Training Centres	Marketing & Service Extension Centres
U. P.	117	2
J. & K.	75	1
Rajasthan	4	2
Andhra Pradesh	4	1
Bihar	1	2