

assessment of the extent to which our goals have been achieved and the direction in which further strengthening of the organisations is needed as also to suggest ways and means of improving its performance. The report of the Team is under preparation.

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS

- *53. SHRI PATIL PUTTAPPA:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE:
SHRI C. D. PANDE:
SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI:
SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH:
SHRI K.L.N. PRASAD:
SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN:
SHRI BANARSI DAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance sought by each State Government in the current year for relief in drought affected areas and the amount sanctioned as loans and grant in each case; and

(b) the criteria adopted for sanctioning financial assistance in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXXXII, Annexure No. 4]

INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN THE COUNTRY

- *54. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:
SHRI GANESH LAL MALI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the investment climate in the country suffered a set-back following the take-over of the Indian Iron and Steel Company and Copper Corporation; and

(b) if so, whether Government have lately evolved some guidelines to tone up the investment climate in the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) There has been no discernible set-back in the investment climate which can be attributed to the takeover of the Indian Iron and Steel Company and the Indian Copper Corporation.

(b) Government is keeping a close watch over the trends and whenever necessary, has been taking steps to improve the investment climate; and for the present there seems to be no need of evolving any guidelines in this regard.

IRON ORE EXTRACTED AND EXPORTED FROM BELLARY AND HOSPET

*55. SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state the amount of iron ore extracted for export purposes from Bellary and Hospet regions during the years 1970-71 and 1971-72 and the quantity of iron ore exported through Madras and Karwar Belikere ports during these years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The quantities of Iron Ore procured for export from Bellary/Hospet area during the years 1970-71 and 1971-72 and exported through the ports of Madras, Karwar and Belikeri are as under:—

		(Qty. in lakh M. Tons)	
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<i>(a) Procurement—</i>			
1970-71	30.70
1971-72	37.30
<i>(b) Exports—</i>			
Port		1970-71 (Qty)	1971-72 (Qty)
Madras	..	21.00	20.00
Karwar	..	2.60	2.80
Belikeri	..	2.60	2.50