

IRON-ORE EXPORTS FROM KARWAR AND BELIKERI

*553. SHRI C. M. POONACHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of iron-ore exported from Karwar and Belikeri Ports during the last 3 years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has programmes on hand to step-up export through these ports up to one million tonnes per annum;

(c) whether it is true that the trucks, that carry iron-ore to Karwar and Belikeri, come empty on their return trips thereby causing the transport cost of iron-ore to be very high;

(d) whether Government of India have under their consideration proposals to import bulk commodities through these ports;

(e) whether Mysore State Government have sent up some specific proposals in this connection; and

(f) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) The Minister of Transport has already explained the position in his reply to Starred Question No. 239 answered on 24th February, 1964.

STATEMENT

Iron ore exported from Karwar and Belikeri

(in lakh tonnes)

	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
Karwar .	2.19	2.62	2.73
Belikeri .	1.60	1.81	1.79

UNIFORM CHANNEL OF PROMOTION FOR SMS AND ASMS

*554. { SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE:
SHRI G. K. KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in compliance with the directives of the Supreme Court given on 5th November, 1959 in the decision of the writ-petition No. 126/58 of 9th September, 1959, there is any proposal with the Railway Board to form a uniform channel of promotion for the Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters on all Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) The Supreme Court did not give any such directive.

(b) Does not arise.

जबलपुर और बीना के मध्य तेज चलने वाली सवारी गाड़ी

*५५५. श्री गिरिराज किशोर कपूर : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जबलपुर से बीना पहुंचने में १३ घंटे का समय लगता है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार जबलपुर से बीना तक कोई तेज चलने वाली सवारी गाड़ी चलाने का विचार कर रही है; और

(ग) यदि हा, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसका क्या कारण है ?

†[FAST PASSENGER TRAIN BETWEEN JABALPUR AND BINA

*555. SHRI G. K. KAPOOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†[] English translation.

(a) whether it is a fact that it takes thirteen hours to reach Bina from Jabalpur by train;

(b) whether Government propose to run a fast passenger train between Jabalpur and Bina; and

(c) if so, by when, and if not, the reason therefor?]

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) और (ग) १ अक्टूबर, १९६४ से ५१० अप जबलपुर-बीना सवारी गाड़ी के सफर में लगने वाले समय में ३० मिनट की कमी कर दी गई है। यातायात को देखते हुए इस समय बीना और जबलपुर के बीच जिन स्टेशनों पर ५०६ डाउन और ५१० अप सवारी गाड़ियों के ठहरने का औचित्य नहीं है, वहाँ इनका ठहरना बन्द करके इनके सफर में लगने वाले समय को और कम करने की सभावना पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No. 510 Up Jabalpur-Bina Passenger has been accelerated by 30 minutes from 1st October, 1964. The feasibility of further acceleration of 509 Down and 510 Up Passenger trains running between Bina and Jabalpur by elimination of some of the existing halts not justified by traffic is under consideration.]

MANUFACTURE OF JEEPS

*558. SHRI D. Y. PAWAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahendra and Mahendra Company, Bombay have the sole monopoly to manufacture Jeeps in India;

(b) which year did this company start;

(c) what is the total number of Jeeps manufactured by them till the end of August, 1964; and

(d) why it is so that they manufacture only left hand drives?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY ENGINEERING IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) M/s. Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd., Bombay are the only manufacturers of Jeep type vehicles in the private sector in the country.

(b) 1948.

(c) 68,914 Nos.

(d) In the matter of manufacture of their vehicles, M/s. Mahindra and Mahindra have been following the specifications of their foreign collaborators. The question of the manufacture of Jeep type vehicles with right hand drive was considered in 1962 but as the conversion to right hand drive entailed additional foreign exchange per pack, the proposal was held in abeyance, consequent upon the declaration of the Emergency.

†QUALITY OF SUGAR MANUFACTURED BY MILLS

7 SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements exist in all the sugar factories in India for testing the quality of sugar before its release to ensure that it is fit for human consumption;

(b) whether it has come to his notice that the sugar manufactured by certain factories, particularly Sohara Sugar Mills, is below standard specifications; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

†[] English translation.

†Short Notice Question.