

(a) whether a high level committee meeting was held at Gandhinagar to review the progress of NRI investment in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) will form a consortium in US for investment in industrial projects in Gujarat;

(d) the projects for which NRIs have agreed to assist the Gujarat state,

(e) whether Union Government have agreed to the proposed move in Gujarat State; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):

(a) Government is not aware of any such meetings.

(b) to (f). Do not arise.

#### **Joint Ventures with USSR**

326. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had proposed a number of measures for setting up Joint Ventures in USSR;

(b) if so, the measures being considered jointly with the USSR;

(c) whether any concrete proposals have been finalised in this regard;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL):

(a) Government have formulated guidelines for approving Indian participation in the equity of joint ventures abroad, including joint ventures in USSR. The Indian and Soviet Governments have set up a Working Group on developing new forms of economic co-operation, including promotion of joint ventures, etc., in both countries.

(b) After the last meeting of the Working Group, a Protocol was signed on 16th April, 1990 in New Delhi in which, inter-alia, progress of cooperation in the field of setting up of joint ventures in USSR and India was reviewed and measures for resolving problems/constraints in the development of new forms of economic cooperation discussed.

(c) and (d). Twenty-seven proposals for setting up Indian joint ventures in Soviet Union had been registered in USSR upto April, 1990. fourteen specific proposals have been approved by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Joint Ventures abroad till November, 1990. Of these, two joint ventures are in operation.

(e) Does not arise.

#### **Demand and Production of Mica**

327. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the production, internal consumption and export of mica during the last three years both in quantity and in rupee value, year-wise;

(b) the demand of scrap, processed mica and manufactured items of mica, both internally and in export market, item-wise; year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to direct the mica industry to meet the new trend of demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI

BASAVARAJ PATIL): (a) The figures of production of mica in the country and export of mica from the country during the last 3 years are given below:

*Qty. in Metric tonnes Value in Rs. Lakhs*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Production of mica crude and scrap (Provisional)</i>	<i>Export of processed mica and mica Product (Provisional)</i>	
	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Value</i>
1987-88	10,331	40,884	4,600
1988-89	7,494	38,441	4,247
1989-90	7,307	34,186	4,374

Mica user industries being in the small scale sector, a complete picture regarding mica consumption in the country is not available. However, available reported consumption of the organised sector of the industry during the calendar years 1985, 1986 and 1987 were 3320, 3377 and 3634 tonnes

respectively.

(b) The Working Group set up the Government for surveying the present and future demand of mica in the country has estimated the internal demand of mica as under:

*Quantity in Metric tonnes*

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Future internal demand</i>	
	<i>1988</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>2000 AD</i>
Sheet Mica including mica products	1350	1,850	2,200
Mica scrap/powder	7500	11,000	16,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,850</b>	<b>12,850</b>	<b>18,200</b>

Export projections for Eighth Five Year Plan for the mica industry have been made

as hereunder at the current level of prices:

*Rs. in lakhs*

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Processed Mica	1900	1805	1714	1629	1550
Mica Scrap	1010	1000	1050	1102	1158
Mica Products	2000	2200	2420	2662	2928
<b>Total</b>	<b>4910</b>	<b>5005</b>	<b>5184</b>	<b>5393</b>	<b>5636</b>

(c) Due to technological developments in industrialised countries, the processed sheet mica is being replaced in most of its applications by the substitutes manufactured from cheaper mica scrap and splittings. Keeping pace with the international market, Mica Trading Corporation (MITCO) a Government of India Undertaking, has established several downstream projects for manufacture of value-added mica products. For the present, MITCO is manufacturing mica paper, silvered mica and mica capacitors and micronised mica powder. The Project to manufacture heather micanite and mica taper is likely to be completed by March, 1991. Private entrepreneurs are also being encouraged to set up facilities for production of the newly developed value added mica products by way of providing export incentives for export of mica products.

#### **Performance of MITCO**

328. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial results and productivity performance of the Mica Trading Corpora-

tion during the last three years, unit-wise and year-wise;

(b) the reasons for its merger with the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation; and

(c) the steps taken to strengthen mica trade in public sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRISHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL): (a) Financial results and productivity performance of Mica Trading Corporation (MITCO) during the last three years are given in the statement - I and II below.

(b) and (c). The decision to merge Mica Trading Corporation (MITCO) with Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) has been taken to provide managerial, marketing and financial support from MMTC and to achieve operational and administrative efficiency in mica trade. MMTC will provide marketing and financial support for export of value added mica products, setting up of Research and Development Centre to find new applications of mica and to develop mica based products.