

four years starting from April, 1989.

(c) Several infrastructural upgradation measures costing a total of Rs. 64 crores are under consideration for improving production, productivity, yield, techno-economic parameters and logistics in the plant. Besides, production build-up to attain the expanded capacity of 2.6 lakh tonnes of liquid steel is being undertaken.

#### **Small/Mini Steel Plants in Private Sector**

398. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private companies have applied for setting up small/mini steel plants after Government lifted the curb on private sector setting up of steel plants;

(b) if so, the number of applications, pending with the Government; and

(c) the places for which applications have been submitted by private companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BASAVARAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 16.

(c) Applications have been submitted for the following locations:

Ghaziabad, Gouriganj (District Sultanpur) in Uttar Pradesh; Sukinda (District Cuttack), Keonjhar in Orissa; Jagdalpur, Borai (District Durg) (2), Raipur, Raigarh in Madhya Pradesh; Perambur (District Dakshina Kannada), Vijayanagar in Karnataka; Kothur (District Mahaboob Nagar) in Andhra Pradesh, Butibori (near Nagpur) (2) in Maharashtra, and Goa (2).

#### **Export of Iron Ore to Japan**

399. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether iron ore is being exported to Japan, and if so, since when;

(b) the total quantum of iron ore being exported to Japan annually and from which mines;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed with Japan in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) Iron Ore is an item of exports to Japan for nearly four decades now.

(b) Quantities of Iron Ore exported to Japan during the last five years have been as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Qty. in million tonnes</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
1985-86	20.054
1986-87	21.587
1987-88	19.944
1988-89	21.341
1989-90(Prov.)	21.052

The mines from which Iron Ore is being exported to Japan are—

(i) Barajamda-Banspani in Orissa

(ii) Bailadila in Madhya Pradesh