

(a) whether there is a need to devise an appropriate and cost effective mining technique for extraction of chrome from deeper level in Sukinde valley in Orissa State to achieve production level of one million tones of chrome ore per annum; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV); (a) and (b). Then production of chrome ore from Sukinda valley is presently estimated at around 0.9 million tones. The question of adopting appropriate and cost effective mining techniques for extraction of chrome ore from deeper level from Sukinda valley would arise with growth in demand and prospects of economic viability for such operations.

#### Blood Banks

5345. SHRI M. KRISHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL-

FARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted a proposal for modernization of Blood Banks in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decision of the Union Government thereon; and

(d) the assistance proposed to be given to the State Government in this regard

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). There are 81 Blood banks in Public Sector in Tamil Nadu. While during 1989-90, Government of India has rendered financial assistance for the modernisation of 20 Blood banks, the remaining 61 are proposed to be modernised during the 8th plan period. For strengthening these Blood Banks, the following assistance, per blood bank, is envisaged:-

	<i>Non-recurring (one time) Rs. lakhs</i>	<i>Recurring (per yr ) Rs. lakhs</i>
7 larger Blood Banks	3.19	2.42
54 Dist. level Blood Banks	1.25	1.67

[*Translation*]

#### Tungsten Reserves in Vidarbha

5346. SHRI TEJ SINGH RAO BHONSLE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of

India has conducted any survey in Vidarbha to locate tungsten reserves; and

(b) if so, the details and out come thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALARAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.