

Chrome Ore Reserves

1346. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PAT-
NAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND
MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated reserves of chromite
in the country and their location, State-
wise;

(b) whether measures have been taken
for the proper exploration of the available
Chrome Ore reserves ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND
MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR) : (a) The
total estimated reserves of Chromite in the
country at present is 141.05 Million tonnes
(MT), The State-wise estimated reserves of
chromite in the country are as under :

Bihar : 0.46 Million Tonnes.

Karnataka : 2.90 Million Tonnes.

Maharashtra : 0.19 Million Tonnes.

Orissa : 137.24 Million Tonnes.

Tamil Nadu : 0.26 Million Tonnes.

(b) and (c). The Geological Survey of
India in Collaboration with Mineral Explo-
ration Corporation Limited, Directorate of
Geology and Mining, Orissa and Orissa
Mining Corporation Limited had conducted
a time bound intensified exploration for
Chromite in Cutteck; Dhenkanal and Keon-
jhar districts of Orissa from 1977. As a
result of this exploration the resources of
Chromite reserve in India increased from
17 MT to 129 MT by 1980. Exploration
for Chromite in Bihar, Manipur-Nagaland
and Andaman and Nicobar Islands was
carried out by Geological Survey of India.
Further Exploration for Chromite by
Geological Survey of India is in progress
in Orissa.

Exploitation of Tuna Fish Resources

1347. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PAT-
NAIK : Will the Minister of FOOD
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to
state :

(a) the efforts made for better exploita-
tion of tuna fish resources in the country ;
and

(b) the details of steps proposed to be
taken during the Seventh Five Year Plan
to increase the export of tuna fish ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING
INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) :
(a) and (b). In order to increase exploita-
tion of tuna resources in the country,
systematic survey of tuna resources has
been conducted by Fishery Survey of
India in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone
since 1981. Survey results are published
and made available to fishing Industry.
Training is also imparted in tuna long
lining to deep sea fishing operatives.

Acquisition of tuna long liners, tuna
purse seiners and pole and line vessels by
Indian Companies through import, indi-
genous construction and charter of foreign
fishing vessels is given priority under 1987
Deep Sea Fishing Policy.

Steps proposed to be taken during
Seventh Plan to increase export of tuna are
as follows :

(i) Introduction of tuna fishing vessels
under various schemes for operation in
Indian waters to be encouraged.

(ii) Cash compensatory support at the
rate of 12% of the FOB value is granted to
exporters of frozen fish including tuna.

(iii) Marine Products Exports Develop-
ment Authority contributes to equity share
capital of companies engaged in deep sea
fishing including tuna fishing.

**New Steel Plant with USSR
Collaboration**

1348. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES
be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a pro-
posal to set up a new steel plant in the
country in collaboration with USSR; and