

National Mineral Policy for non-fuel and non-atomic minerals has been prepared; it is under the consideration of the Government at present.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Shortage of Aluminium

82. SHRI H.G. RAMULU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of aluminium in the country;

(b) whether Government have decided to export aluminium ingots produced by the Public Sector National Aluminium Company Limited; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to remove this contradictory situation? .

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) The production and availability of primary aluminium during 1988-89 as compared with 1987-88 is as under:--

(Figures in 000' tonnes)

Production/imports	1987-88	1988-89	Increase
April to September	124	159	+ 35
October to March	154	201	+ 47
<b>Total:</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>+ 82</b>
Imports by MMTC	55	-	- 55
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>+ 27</b>

During 1988-89, the demand is estimated around 360,000 tonnes against which the domestic production is expected to be 360,000 tonnes including estimated production of 80,000 tonnes by National Aluminium Company.

(b) and (c). National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) will be exporting around 380,000 tonnes of surplus alumina and about 15,000 tonnes of high grade aluminium metal after fully meeting the statutory obligation of production of Electrical Conductor Grade aluminium for domestic consumption.

#### Surplus teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

83. SHRI SAIFUDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply

given on 28 July, 1988 to Unstarred Question No. 276 regarding surplus teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and state:

(a) whether the information asked for has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAH): (a) to (c). As per policy decision taken by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in August, 1988, no Yoga Teacher will be declared surplus in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and retrenched. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has ascertained the position in all its regions. No physical edu-

cation teacher has been declared surplus. With the integration of Yoga with Physical Education, adjustment of yoga teachers and Physical Education Teachers is now a continuous process. No inter-regional transfers of Yoga Teachers have been effected on account of teachers being rendered surplus. The question of creation of supernumerary posts of Yoga Teachers at this stage does not arise.

#### **Productions, demand and import of steel**

84. SHRI R.P. DAS: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of steel in the country during 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(b) the total demand, sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). Production of finished steel and its assessed demand in the country during 1986-87 and 1987-88 was as under:

Year	(in million tonnes)	
	Production	Assessed demand
1986-87	10.8	11.8
1987-88	11.6	12.8

For the year 1986-87 and 1987-88 the demand for long products of steel which are normally used in the construction sector was about 7.2 million tons and 7.5 millions tons respectively. The demand for flat products and others normally used in the industrial sector was about 4.5 million tons and 5.2 million tons respectively.

#### **Study of Sanskrit under 10+2 system**

86. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study of Sanskrit has received a set back with introduction of

10+2 system in the educational institutions of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government would take immediate steps to check the decline of popularity of Sanskrit among the students;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) to (d). Switch over to 10+2 system does not have anything to do with scheme of studies, including arrangements for teaching of Sanskrit in schools.

The Central Board of Secondary Education has this year revised the scheme of studies for secondary examination to ensure adherence to provisions of National Policy on Education which would require a candidate to study Hindi, English and one of the modern Indian Languages. Sanskrit will be taught along with Hindi to candidates taking Hindi 'A' level course. Also candidates will be able to opt one of the seven classical and European languages, including Sanskrit, as an additional optional subject. The States have their own agencies to work out and prescribe the scheme of studies to be followed by their schools.

#### **Development of Coconut plantations in Kerala**

87. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have recently received any proposal from Kerala Government for development of coconut plantations in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?