

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री करिया मुण्डा): (क) गुजरात सरकार के उद्योग मंत्री तथा मुख्य मंत्री ने क्रमशः 19-12-77 और 31-12-1977 को इस्पात और खान मंत्री को पत्र लिखे थे जिनमें उन्होंने कच्चे लोहे की कमी तथा लघु इकाइयों द्वारा स्थानीय स्टाकयार्डों से गर्म बेलित तथा ठंडी बेलित चादरों जैसी दुर्लभ मदें प्राप्त करने में अनुभव की जा रही तथा कथित कठिनाइयों का उल्लेख किया था। उन्होंने इस बारे में भी अनुरोध किया था कि गुजरात लघु उद्योग निगम की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति के लिए आवश्यक प्राथमिकता दी जाये।

(ख) लोहे और इस्पात की सामग्री के वितरण पर से नियंत्रण हटा लेने से "कोटे" देने की व्यवस्था समाप्त कर दी गई है इसलिए अब राज्यवार कोई "कोटा" नहीं है। सेल के अधीन इस्पात कारखानों द्वारा अप्रैल, 1977 से जनवरी, 1978 की अवधि में गुजरात राज्य को की गई सप्लाई का मासिक विवरण नीचे दिया गया है:—

(टिप्पणी)

मास	कच्चा लोहा	इस्पात
अप्रैल, 1977	8308	21723
मई, 1977	11192	23111
जून, 1977	75555	14479
जुलाई, 1977	4663	26678
अगस्त, 1977	13698	24335
सितम्बर, 1977	13712	26387
अक्टूबर, 1977	13914	19530
नवम्बर, 1977	12177	20100
दिसम्बर, 1977	6280	27858
जनवरी, 1978	12624	30062

### Demand of Pig Iron and Special Steel from India

3224. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a great demand of pig iron and special steel from other countries;

(b) if so, whether India is in a position to meet their demand;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed;

(d) whether the working of the steel plants have improved; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) There is considerable demand for Indian pig iron from abroad; foreign enquiries for special steels are limited.

(b) These demands can be met to a limited extent depending upon the domestic requirements from time to time.

(c) Pending export contracts are to the extent of 100,000 tonnes; also negotiations for export sale of certain quantities under Trade Plan provisions are in progress.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) During April 1977—February, 1978, production of saleable steel from the integrated steel plants aggregated to 6.30 million tonnes as against 6.26 million tonnes for the corresponding period in 1976-77.

### Passport Applications

3225. SHRI. PARMANAND GOVINDJIWALA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications for passport received by the Regional Passport Office Lucknow from the

area of Madhya Pradesh during the year 1977;

(b) how many applications are pending in the Lucknow office uptill 1-3-78 from the Madhya Pradesh region, and

(c) in view of the fact that their are large number of applications from Madhya Pradesh region, will it not be in the fitness of things to open a passport office in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S KUNDU) (a) During 1977, 11,600 applications for passports were received in the Regional Passport Office, Lucknow, from Madhya Pradesh

(b) As on 1st March, on 7,893 applications, passports have not yet been issued

(c) Government have already decided to open a Sub-Regional Passport Office in the State of Madhya Pradesh

#### Anti Leprosy Health Programme

3226 SHRI RUDOLF RODRIGUES Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether Anti Leprosy Health Programmes are being integrated with General Health Schemes, and

(b) if so, whether Government is aware of the detrimental effect this is likely to have on leprosy work which by its very size and nature needs specialised vertical combat programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV) (a) Yes

(b) It has been decided that leprosy work should be integrated in the multipurpose workers scheme but  
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considering the importance of leprosy control programme, it has also been decided that in order to operate the leprosy control programme effectively it is necessary that the personnel of all categories including medical officers should be trained in leprosy work. The training of MPW is to be completed by April, 1981. In those States where leprosy is endemic, the training under the MPW Scheme should first be started in low endemic districts. The workers should be given adequate training in leprosy work so that they are able to diagnose leprosy patients follow-up their treatment schedule and impart necessary health education to the patients and the community.

The hyper-endemic areas where leprosy prevalence is more than 1 per cent should be taken up in the last stage of training under the multi-purpose workers scheme. Even after the integration of MPW scheme in such areas and additional trained and experienced leprosy worker may be provided in such areas (sub-centres) to the extent necessary and the individual States will have sufficient latitude to decide as to when the additional leprosy workers should finally be withdrawn from such areas. It is considered that in the light of these decisions, there may not be any detrimental effect on the leprosy work.

#### Rates of Royalty on Minerals in M.P.

3227 SHRI PARMANAND GOVINDJIWALA Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state,

(a) the rates of Royalty charges on the major minerals in Madhya Pradesh,

(b) from which date they are in force, and

(c) whether Government are considering the revision of the rates?