

Setting up of a Film Development Corporation by Government of Orissa

4921. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that the Government of Orissa has set up Film Development Corporation for promotion of Oriya language films ;

(b) if so, what are the role of that corporation of that State so far;

(c) total number of film producers received financial help so far from the Corporation/Financial agencies; and

(d) is there any proposal for opening a film studio by the Government of Orissa before end of Sixth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b). It is understood from the Orissa Government that a Film Development Corporation incorporated under the Companies Act has been set up, generally for the promotion of the film industry in the State ;

(c) and (d) . According to the State Government no financial assistance has been granted by the Corporation yet and there is no proposal for the opening of a film studio by the Government of Orissa before the end of the Sixth Plan.

Exploration of Minerals in Koraput District of Orissa

4922. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the plateaus of Koraput district of Orissa undertaken by the G.S.I. M.E.C. and Directorate of Mines for exploration inventory and investigation of mineral deposits including bauxite deposits ;

(b) mineral deposits found so far in the district and steps taken by Government of Orissa to exploit these minerals ;

(c) the name of the minerals with quantity and quality reported so far , and

(d) funds provided for the year 1978-79 and 1979-80 for this district by different authorities ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI Biju PATNAIK) : (a) Resource evaluation for bauxite in Pottangi, Panchpatnali, Ballada, Kodinagamali, Karnapadikonda, Baphimali, Maliparbat, Kutrumali, Shaabahumali plateaus etc. in Koraput District has been carried out.

(b) and (c). The minerals and their reserves are : bauxite about 922 million tonnes ; dolomite about 100 million tonnes ; limestone about 187 million tonnes ; iron ore about 1.5 million tonnes ; manganese ore about 1.3 lakh tonnes ; quartzite about 80 million tonnes and some occurrences of tin ore, china clay, soapstone, graphite etc.

Manganese ore, quartzite and some minor minerals are already being exploited. Mining leases for limestone and bauxite have also been granted. Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (a Central Government Undertaking) have commissioned a feasibility study for setting up of an alumina/aluminium plant based on the bauxite deposits in Koraput district.

(d) Government of Orissa have provided Rs. 7-80 lakhs during 1978-79 and Rs. 12.26 lakhs during 1979-80 for mineral surveys in the district. Government of India have sanctioned Rs. 102.33 lakhs to Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (a Central Government Undertaking) for expenditure on exploration of bauxite in the district during 1978-79. The allocation of funds to Geological Survey of India is not made district-wise or mineral investigation-wise.

D. V. C. Difficulties in getting Coal for its Thermal Power Stations

4924. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) is it a fact that the D.V.C. is experiencing serious difficulties in getting Coal and Middlings for its Thermal Power Stations and stock position is at alarming level ;

(b) what is the actual quantity supplied on average during each month to each of the above Thermal Power Stations and how the same compares with the actual consumption ; and

(c) what arrangements have been made by Coal India Limited on long term basis for supply of Coal and Middlings to each of the Thermal Power Stations of the D.V.C. at Bokaro, Durgapur and Chandrapura ?