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3.	Gujarat	863	5,178
4.	Haryana	362*	101*
5.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil
6.	Madhya Pradesh	93	2,500
7.	Manipur	Nil	Nil
8.	Mysore	13,576	4,168
9.	Maharashtra	2,155	3,550
10.	Nagaland	Nil	Nil
11.	Orissa	1,453	741
12.	Punjab	193	Nil
13.	Rajasthan	2,100* (Daily average)	670* (Daily average)
14.	Tamilnadu	3,547	4,168
15.	Uttar Pradesh	436	2,113
16.	West Bengal	13,389	18,652
17.	Andaman & Nicobar	Nil	Nil
18.	Chandigarh Admn	Nil	Nil
19.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil
20.	Delhi Admn.	136	2,019
21.	Goa, Daman & Diu	774	276
22.	Laccadives	Nil	Nil
23.	Pondicherry	650	54

*The information in respect of Haryana and Rajasthan relate to the Calander years 1969 and 1970.

Retrenchment of Construction Workers at Bhilai Steel Plant

435. SHRI MUHAMMED SHARIFF .
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES
be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken
for retrenchment of construction workers at
Bhilai Steel Plant ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI
SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Deposits of Magnetic Iron ore and Lime Stones in Kerala

436. SHRI C. M. STEPHEN : Will the
Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased
to state :

(a) whether deposits of magnetic iron
ore and lime stones have been discovered in
the Kozhikode District of Kerala and if so,
the estimated quantum thereof ; and

(b) whether on the basis of the results of
the survey, detailed diamond drilling has been
done and if so, the results thereof and the
progress made in the drilling operations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). As a result of investigations conducted by the Geological Survey of India, deposits of magnetic iron ore were located at Cheruppa, Eleyettimala, Nanminda, Naduvallur and Alampara in Kozhikode district, Kerala, Diamond drilling exploration in Cheruppa, Eleyettimala, Nanminda and Naduvallur areas has been completed and reserves of about 45.2 million tonnes of oxidised and unoxidised iron ore with a total iron ore content varying between 29 and 40% have been estimated. Exploration by drilling of clampara magnetic iron ore deposit is in progress.

No limestone deposit of economic importance has so far been discovered by Geological Survey of India in Kozhikode district.

Jute Trade Between India and Bangla Desh

437. SHRI B. V. NAIK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to render substantial aid to Bangla Desh to revitalise the jute industry in that country ; and

(b) if so, the main features of the proposal ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Government of Bangladesh have not approached the Government of India for aid to revitalise their jute industry.

Cost reduction Study by M/s. Dasturco for Bokaro Steel Plant

438. DR. KARNI SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government, having found the cost of Bokaro Steel Plant as submitted by Soviet collaborators very high, had com-

missioned M/s. Dasturco for a cost reduction study ;

(b) whether Government had signed agreement with the Soviet collaborators for the supply of equipments, drawings and for rendering technical assistance without getting such a cost reduction study report from M/s. Dasturco ; and

(c) whether M/s. Dasturco had suggested a cost reduction of over Rs. 100 crores in the first stage in their study ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) The Detailed Project Report prepared by the Soviet Organisations was examined by a Technical Committee, including the representatives of Dasturco. This Committee recommended the acceptance of the Report with certain modifications. Subsequently, M/s. Dasturco suggested that there were possibilities of securing substantial cost reduction in the Project. It was for this reason that the cost reduction study was entrusted to Dasturco to give them further opportunity to make their suggestions. According to the agreed time schedule, the Detailed Project Report had to be accepted by Government within two months. This period was extended by mutual agreement by another month and the Detailed Project Report was approved by the Government on the 29th March 1966, subject to the specific provision that the Soviet Organisations will give due consideration to any concrete technical suggestions which may be made to them by the Indian side within three months. It was also provided that further possibilities of cost reduction will continue to be explored during the course of the detailed implementation of the Project.

(b) The agreement for the supply of equipment, drawings and technical assistance from the Soviet Organisations was concluded on 3rd May 1966. This did not preclude the possibility of such cost reductions as might be considered feasible on the basis of the Report from M/s. Dasturco.

(c) Yes, Sir, However, it was possible to effect a reduction of only Rs. 9.5 crores in the cost of the project after detailed discussions with the Soviet Organisations with the participation of M/s. Dasturco.