

been laid down, the Committee is intended mainly to advise Ministry on problem of the public sector units including the steps to be taken for increasing capacity utilisation of each of the units. The total loss/profit incurred by the units under this Ministry is indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No. LT-5282/73].

**Visit to Dacca by a Special Emissary of Prime Minister**

1668. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN;  
DR. H. P. SHARMA:

Will the Ministry of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Special Emissary of the Prime Minister has visited Dacca recently and had discussions with the leaders of Bangladesh Government; and

(b) if so, the subjects discussed and the results of the discussion.

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):** (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The discussions were confined to matters concerning the forthcoming India-Pakistan Talks as a consequence of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Declaration of April 17, 1973. There was complete accord between the two sides.

**Geological Survey of Kerala for Iron Ore and Bauxite Deposits**

1669. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN  
SHRI A. K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have by now completed the geological survey

of Kerala for finding out the quantity of iron ore and bauxite deposits in Malabar area;

(b) if not, at what stage is the survey now and what are the results of the survey so far, conducted; and

(c) whether Government have taken any decision to set up any industry based on these?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD):** (a) Investigations by Geological Survey of India for iron ore and bauxite in Kerala are being continued.

(b) Detailed investigations by drilling for iron ore in Cheruppa, Elyettimall, Nanminda and Nandavallur has been completed by the Geological Survey of India and reserves of about 41 million tonnes of iron ore (both fresh and oxidised) have been estimated. Exploratory drilling for iron ore in Alampara deposit has been completed in May 1973 and so far in Block-I where investigation by drilling was completed in July, 1971, a total reserve of 147 million tonnes of iron ore (both fresh and oxidised) has been estimated. Total reserves of 18 million tonnes of bauxite in Kumbala area and 5 million tonnes of bauxite in Nileswar blocks I and II in Cannanore district have already been estimated.

Investigation for iron ore by drilling has been commenced in Kovattimalla, Nilambur area. Maappuram district in June, 1973 and detailed mapping for bauxite is being continued in Chimeni area in Cannanore district.

(c) A view about the setting up of any industry can be taken only after the geological investigation of iron ore and bauxite has been completed and the report is received by the Government.