

materials or steel related to the capacity?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA):** (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Allotment is basically related to capacity subject to their demand being sponsored by the prescribed date in each quarter. However, there may be some variations in percentage of allocations to capacity as between units, due to weightage being given to units engaged in exports and Government Contracts, the requirements of individual units being different in dimensions and specifications, fluctuations of availability of different types of raw materials from period to period, etc.

Units in private sector in receipt of steel materials over 100 tonnes during each quarter of 1971-72 and 1972-73

**2603. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names and location of units in the Private Sector who have received 100 tonnes or more of steel materials through regulated sources during each of quarter of the years 1971-72 and 1972-73 and the quantities received by each in each of these quarters;

(b) the percentage of supplies to the quantities recommended for priority by the sponsoring authority;

(c) the number of sponsored applications in each quarter to whom no allocation was made by Steel Priority Committee; and

(d) the number of sponsored applications in each quarter to whom allocation was 20 percent or less against the quantities recommended by SPC?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA):** (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Commercial Exploitation of Natural Resources in Trivandrum District of Kerala**

**2604. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) an outline of the steps taken by Government for the commercial exploitation of the natural resources available in the Trivandrum District of Kerala; and

(b) a brief outline of the study made in this matter?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD)** (a) and (b). Chinaclay, fireclay, ballclay, graphite and bauxite have been reported to occur in Trivandrum District of Kerala State. For the exploitation of materials, the State Government has granted 5 mining leases for chinaclay and one lease each for chinaclay and fireclay, fireclay and ballclay and for graphite in this district. However, presently chinaclay is the only mineral mined in the District. There are two working mines and the total production of processed chinaclay from these mines during the years 1971 and 1972 was 5,904 and 6,469 tonnes valued at Rs 1,551,000 and Rs 2,050,000 respectively.

The State Department of Mining and Geology carried out detailed investigation in Chirayinil Taluk of the District and located few deposits of Clay. Geological Survey of India has also carried out investigation for bauxite in Sasthayattam, Chilambu! and Mangalapuram blocks of the District.