

Both the cases are under investigation.

Bailadila Mines

4290. SHRI BALI RAM KASHYAP : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the date from which the work on Bailadila Iron Ore Project was started;

(b) the quantum of iron ore exported till March 31, 1998; and

(c) the total revenue received by the State Government and the Union Government from this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) The construction work of Bailadila Iron Ore Project in Madhya Pradesh was started by National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) in 1964 and production of iron ore was started on 07.04.1968.

(b) NMDC Ltd. have started that the quantum of iron ore exported till 31.3.1998 is 143.36 million tonnes.

(c) Revenue earned by State Government of Madhya Pradesh by way of royalty till 31.3.1998 against deposits for which National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. was having mining leases in Bailadila area was Rs. 136.72 crores.

The income earned from this project alongwith the income from other projects of NMDC is being taken for payment of income-tax to Central Government at the corporate level by the PSU. No projectwise/unitwise income-tax to Central Government is paid. The cumulative income-tax paid upto 31.3.1998 was Rs. 257 crores.

NMDC have paid Rs. 168.13 crores as dividend to Government of India till March 1996-97. Dividends are paid out of the profits of NMDC, including these accruing from the Bailadila Project.

[English]

Officer and Engineers sent Abroad by NALCO

4291. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officer and engineers who have been sent abroad by NALCO at for training its cost since inception;

(b) the total amount spent on such training/visits; and

(c) the period after which these foreign-trained officers/engineers quit service ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) 238 officers/engineers of NALCO were sent abroad for training in the period 1982-83 to 1997-98. Out of this 167 officers/engineers were deputed for training under the provisions of foreign collaboration agreement with Aluminium Pechiney, France.

(b) The information regarding total amount spent on training is available for the period 1993-94 to 1997-98 which is given below :

Year	No. of Officers/ Engineers sponsored for training	Total amount spent on such training/visit
1993-94	04	Rs. 703760/-
1994-95	21	Rs. 4056022/-
1995-96	25	Rs. 5214374/-
1996-97	05	Rs. 1166914/-
1997-98	08	Rs. 1985080/-
Total	63	Rs. 13126150/-

(c) Out of 238 officers/engineers sent for training abroad, 44 have left the company. Out of these 44, 1 person has expired, 2 have retired on superannuation and 2 persons have taken voluntary retirement, 39 persons have resigned whose details are as under :-

Period after which resigned after training	No. of Officers/ engineers
1-3 Years	13
4-6 Years	19
Above 6 Years	07
Total	39

Extension of Ahmedabad-Khedbrahma Railway Line

4292. SHRIMATI NISHA A. CHAUDHARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is pending with the Government for extension of Ahmedabad-Khedbrahma Railway line upto Abu Road in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?