

certain schemes to promote and build export success for small and tiny industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance/facilities provided to these industries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) to (c) While STC does not operate any specific scheme to promote and build export sector for small & tiny industries, MMTC in the area of minerals & ores, has formulated the following schemes to promote production and export:-

- mine owners are provided production and development incentives apart from basic price for the product. Under production incentive scheme, mine owners are encouraged to produce more and earn incentive on the entire quantity in case supply exceeds the base level which are revised from year to year based on the past performance.
- mine owners are also given incentives in relation to the quantity supplied under the "development incentive scheme" to encourage them in scientific development of their mines.
- MMTC also pays afforestation charges to the mine owners for plantation of tree and plants to maintain proper ecological balance in the mining areas.
- In order to ensure that mine owners' interests in export continues and they become globally competitive in the long run, the advantage of

exchange benefit is also shared with them from time to time.

- Wherever possible, MMTC encourage mine owners to supply material directly at the port so that they can avail the benefit of 80 HHC under the Income-tax Act for the local transportation element as well.
- MMTC also strives to provide export outlet and facilitate export of material surplus to domestic demand from mine owners who otherwise have no access to the global market or where withal to organise logistic support and arrange export independently.
- MMTC generate orders, help them in executing those order by providing assistance in preparation of documents, shipping arrangements and extending packing credit facilities etc.

Assistance by ADB for Development of Ports

2501. SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Asian Development Bank is providing funds for the development of various ports in the Country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of the projects being financed by the Asian Development Bank, Port-wise; and

(c) the details of Progress achieved so far?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) to (c) The details of the existing projects approved by ADB for assistance for Development of Ports in India are as follows:

Name of Project	Brief Project Components	Amount of assistance US\$	Date of approval	Date of Closing	Loan utilisation US\$
1	2	3	4	5	6
Coal Ports Project	Coal Handling Plant & Wharfs in Paradip Port & Dev. of Ennore Port.	285 million	27 Oct. 1992	30 May 2000	60.632 million
Mumbai Port Project	Replacement of submarine pipelines, modernisation of oil berths.	\$97.8 million	29 Sep. 1997	30 Sep. 2003	nil
Chennai Port Project	Rehabilitation of the existing berths.	\$15.2 million	29 Sep. 1997	30 March 2003	nil

Visit of Italian Trade Team to India

2502. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level Italian trade team visited India during 1997;

(b) if so, the purpose of their visits;