

Gypsum Deposits in Rajasthan

2520. Shri Chandak: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of the exploratory work done in the Nagaur area for Gypsum in Rajasthan; and

(b) how Government propose to utilise the Gypsum found in this area?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The investigation of gypsum in the Nagpur area by drilling is continuing. 42 bore holes with a total footage of 18,432 ft. have been completed. The sub-surface data, so far obtained indicate the presence of many gypsum beds of which the uppermost one is characterised by a single thick bed of gypsum which occurs in two separate blocks. In the northern block, the main gypsum bed varies in thickness from 7' 6" to 45' 6" and occurs at depths varying from 138' 9" to 327' 0" while in the southern block it varies in thickness from 26' 0" to 41' 0" and occurs at a depth of 360 feet to 379 feet from the surface.

On the assumption that main gypsum bed persists over an area approximately half a mile around each of the holes and maintains a uniform thickness, the probable reserves of gypsum in the area so far explored will be of the order of 499 million tons.

(b) it is still too early to consider this aspect. Unless the present investigations to determine the extent, thickness and continuity of the main gypsum beds encountered in two blocks is completed, nothing regarding utilisation plans could be said.

Copper Deposits in Khetri

2521. Shri Chandak: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state the annual output of copper ore from the copper mines recently started by the Indian Bureau of Mines in Khetri?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): Regular mining has not commenced so far in Khetri.

पाकिस्तान से वापस आये व्यक्ति

२५२४. श्री सरजू पांडेय: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में उन व्यक्तियों की संख्या क्या है जिन्होंने १९४७ के पश्चात् अस्थायी तौर पर पाकिस्तान जाने का विकल्प दिया था और अब वे लौट आये हैं और उन्होंने पुनर्नियुक्ति के लिये केन्द्रीय राजस्व विभाग को आवेदन पत्र दिये हैं ;

(ख) उक्त अवधि में उन में से कितने व्यक्तियों को पुनः नियुक्त किया गया है ; और

(ग) उन में से कितने (जिलावार) अब भी बेरोजगार हैं ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) :
(क) से (ग) मांगी गई सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और उसे जितनी जल्दी हो सका सभा की मेज पर रख दिया जायेगा ।

Speculation in Stock Exchange

2525. Shri Indrajit Gupta: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consultations are in progress between the Finance Ministry and the Company Law Department to curb the present speculative frenzy on the Stock Exchanges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). Several questions relating to the floatation, expansion and financing of joint stock companies and other related matters, including the regulation of trading in shares, are being examined jointly by the Finance and Commerce Ministries. Significant decisions of Government, when taken, will be made known.