

(c) if so, whether Government have drawn up any plans to assist the manganese mine-owners in this regard?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis):**

(a) As no electric power is used for working of manganese mines, the question of shortage does not arise.

(b) Government have no information of the investment made by individual mine-owners for acquisition of the mines and preliminary prospecting work.

(c) Does not arise. If, however, specific requests for assistance are received, they will be considered on merits.

#### **Credit Offered by Hungary**

**\*594. Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a credit for Rs. 8 crores has been offered to India by the Hungarian Government; and

(b) if so, whether the agreement has been finalised?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha):** (a) and (b). There have only been preliminary exchanges of views with the Hungarian authorities and no agreement for the credit has so far been finalised.

#### **Correspondence Courses**

**\*595.** { **Shri Basumatari:**  
**Shri Krishna Deo Tripathi:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Expert Committee of the University Grants Commission and Union Education Ministry have suggested that all eligible applicants for the correspondence courses should be admitted by Delhi University;

(b) if so, whether the response of the University has been favourable;

(c) if so, whether arrangements for the postal coaching of the increased number of students have been made;

(d) the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) to (d). The Expert Committee appointed by the Government of India has not suggested that all eligible applicants for the Correspondence Courses should be admitted by Delhi University. The University has, however, decided that all candidates who fulfil the prescribed qualifications may be selected for admission to the B.A. (Pass) correspondence course. Admission of students will be confirmed by the University on receipt of the first instalment of fees and verification of original certificates.

(e) Does not arise.

#### **Neyveli Thermal Station**

{ **Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**\*596.** { **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**  
          { **Shri J. B. S. Bist:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first unit of the Neyveli Thermal Station has been inaugurated; and

(b) if so, at what cost it has been completed and the Soviet assistance received for completing it?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Yes; it was inaugurated on August 5, 1962.

(b) It is not possible to isolate the cost of the first unit which has been completed. Civil and erection works are common to all the five units of the power station and are progressing side by side. These five units