

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: It is said in the statement that the allocation has not been worked out.

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know about the financial shortfall.

Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran: There is no financial shortfall like that. The allocation has been worked out and they have spent the whole money. But the finance is not enough.

श्री बेरवा कोटा : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि आधुनिक विद्यालयों में बुनियादी कार्यक्रम के अन्दर क्या क्या सिखलाने का प्रबन्ध किया गया है ?

Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran: It is a school. There, all the subjects that are taught in ordinary schools would be taught, but they will be craft-oriented. The other is book-oriented.

श्री बेरवा कोटा : क्या क्या सिखलाने का प्रबन्ध किया जा रहा है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह सवाल बहुत दफे आ चुका है ।

श्री कृष्णराय : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि शिक्षा के प्रोग्राम में सरकार का कितना खर्चा होगा ?

Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran: Any good school needs more money, whether it is basic school or elementary school.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : कुल कितना खर्च होगा क्या इसका जवाब आ सकता है ?

Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran: We have not got that figure.

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : अध्यक्ष महोदय, उपमंत्री महोदय को तो बड़ी अच्छी हिन्दी आती है इसलिये जिनको अंग्रेजी नहीं आती उनको क्यों कण्ट दिया जा रहा है ?

Shri S. S. More: May I know from the Minister what the per capita cost

is for imparting basic education and for imparting non-basic education?

Shrimati Soundaram Remachandran: It is not available.

Shri A. N. Vidyalankar: It has been stated that basic teachers are not available. Is the Government sure that all the basic teachers are employed only in the basic schools and no basic-trained school teacher is employed in a conventional primary school?

Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran: There are a certain number of full-fledged basic training schools. But as the Basic Education Assessment Committee pointed out, it would be better to have the basic teachers in non-basic schools also, because in this orientation programme, it would be good to introduce the basic pattern even in non-basic areas. Therefore, the question of employing the basic-trained teachers only in basic schools does not arise. That is why a separate programme to orient non-basic teachers also to basic pattern is being implemented.

Panna Diamond Mines

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- Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
- Shri Subodh Hansda:
- Shri S. C. Samanta:
- Shri B. K. Das:
- *504. Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
- Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
- Shri D. C. Sharma:
- Shri Brij Raj Singh:

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

(a) the stage of progress so far achieved in the Panna Diamond Mines Project;

(b) whether these developments are taking place strictly according to the scheduled laid down?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. has been prospecting and exploring the Panna area since December, 1959. Two mines are proposed to be established—one at Ramkheria and another at Majhgawan. Further prospecting work is in progress with a view to locating other deposits capable of economic exploitation.

2. In respect of the Ramkheria mine, a mining lease over 454.32 hectares has been obtained from the Government of Madhya Pradesh while an application for mining lease over 2107.6 hectares in respect of the Majhgawan mines has been made to the State Government in continuation of prospecting licence the National Mineral Development Corporation had been enjoying.

3. The project reports in respect of the two mines at Ramkheria and Majhgawan were approved (respectively in November, 1961 and April, 1962) by the Government at an estimated capital cost of Rs. 46 lakhs and Rs. 90 lakhs respectively.

4. The earth-moving equipment for Ramkheria mine has been received at the site and is being used for the removal of the overburden. The Tenders received for other equipment necessary for mining, haulage, and treatment plants for Ramkheria and Majhgawan mines are under examination. Additional sampling by way of further pitting is being done in Majhgawan area to ascertain more precisely the diamond content of the area.

5. Construction of residential buildings for officers and staff at Panna, the headquarters of the project, is in progress. Tenders have been received for non-residential buildings, internal and external services and are under examination. Plans have been drawn up for the construction of residential accommodation at the mines.

6. The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board are laying transmission lines for supply of power to Ramkheria and Majhgawan.

7. For the supply of water at Majhgawan a dam is being constructed across a nalla near the mine. Excavation for foundation of the masonry portion of the dam and cut off trenches for the earthen portion has been completed; grouting is in progress. Quotations received for the construction of masonry portion of the dam and for the earth work are being scrutinised.

8. Upto December, 1962, 2081 diamonds weighing 1073.47 carats were recovered during exploratory work. They have all been deposited in the Panna treasury and are awaiting auction by the State Government.

(b) Of the two mines which are being developed, production at Ramkheria mine was expected to commence in April, 1963, but due to the delay in the receipt and installation of the treatment plant and other required equipment, production is now expected to commence only by the middle of 1964. The other mine at Majhgawan was expected to commence production by the end of 1963, but this is now likely to be delayed considerably, as on the recommendations made by the Consultants for the project, additional sampling by way of further pitting is being done to ascertain more precisely the diamond content of the area, and thereafter, revised estimates and time-schedule will have to be prepared. Furthermore, according to the quotations received for the treatment plant, the time required for delivery and installation of the plant is nearly two years.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know if the NMDC had any dispute with the Madhya Pradesh Government regarding the royalty from these mines and if so, whether this dispute has been settled?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There was no dispute. There were some suggestions—it is not with me just now—but so far as I remember, I do not think there was any dispute.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know the quantity of diamonds transported annually into our country and

by what time we have planned to become self-sufficient in the requirements of diamonds?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: It is difficult for me to answer the question about the quantity of commercial diamonds which are imported. Of course, we can say the import of gem diamonds can be stopped, because we do not need them mostly. But it all depends upon how soon we are able to produce commercial diamonds in Panna and other areas. The difficulty is that this is an entirely new project for us and presumably our experts were not able to assess the difficulties first. I am thankful to the hon. Members who have put this question, because it gave me an opportunity to assess the entire question in a fresh way. We are now going to meet again and see how we can cut short all the delay that has been indicated here in the answer to the question. I hope to lay another statement after some time and see what improvement can be made in the position.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know what is going to be the effect of the Gold Control Order on the sale of diamonds which would be coming out of these mines in India?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I have not studied this.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know if the Minister is aware that in Ramkheria and Majhgawan, there is a lot of difficulty in getting drinking water and the labourers who work in the mines find it very difficult to continue their work?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes, Sir; we are aware of the difficulties of water there. That is why a dam is being built for the supply of adequate quantity of water for commercial as well as drinking purposes.

श्री रा० स० तिवारी : श्रीमन्, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि पहले जो हीरों की खुदाई होती उससे अब जो सरकारी बंग से

खुदाई होने लगी है उसमें कोई अधिक लाभ हुआ है या हानि ?

श्री क० दे० मालवीय : बात यह है कि पहले जो खुदाई होती थी, उसमें बहुत प्रादमी मिल कर हाथ से या दूसरे छोटे छोटे औजारों से खोदते थे, और कभी हीरा मिल जाता था। अब तो एक बहुत बड़े पैमाने पर मिकेनाइज्ड बंग से प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है, जिसमें रुपया काफी लगेगा, पर बहुत ज्यादा हीरे निकलेंगे। इसमें कुछ समय तो जरूर लगेगा, लेकिन दोनों प्रकार के उत्पादनों का कोई मुकाबला नहीं है। मिकेनाइज्ड बंग से जो उत्पादन होगा वह बहुत ज्यादा होगा।

श्री रा० स० तिवारी : मेरा निवेदन कि

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अभी निकले ही नहीं है तो मुकाबला कैसे करेंगे।

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether further equipments are necessary to be imported; if so, what would be the foreign exchange involved?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The total foreign exchange requirement as was planned is like this. The total plan was something like Rs. 1.5 crores to produce about 90,000 carats per annum, and about Rs. 27 lakhs and Rs. 19 lakhs was the foreign exchange requirement for the two schemes of Ramkheria and Majhgawan respectively. But, subsequently it has been found out that more foreign exchange and financial expenditure will be needed to revise the schemes.

श्री शिव नारायण : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि गवर्नमेंट ने जो हीरे की मिकेनाइज्ड खुदाई की जो योजना बनायी है, उस पर अब तक कितना रुपया खर्च हो चुका है ?

श्री क० दे० मालवीय : इसके बारे में ३१ जनवरी, सन् १९६३ तक ६५ लाख २९ हजार रुपया खर्च किया जा चुका है श्री

इसके लिये सन् १९६३-६४ का बजट १४४ लाख रुपये का है।

Shri Daji: Is it a fact that the Mines Corporation of Madhya Pradesh wanted to become partners in this venture; so, may I know what is the final arrangement with regard to royalty etc., agreed upon between the Central Government and the Madhya Pradesh Government?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: This question of partnership came up and there has been some correspondence.

Shri Daji: What is the final decision?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: There had been no final decision on the question and, so far as I gather, there is no very great anxiety on the part of the Madhya Pradesh Government to become partners. But we are quite prepared to examine the question if further pursued.

Shri Narendrasingh Mahida: May I know whether the 'Vijaya' diamond, a product of this mine, which was supposed to be sent out of this country for sale, has been sold; if so, what price it fetched?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: So far as my information goes, it has not yet been sold. We have produced other diamonds. Perhaps there are more than 2000 diamonds lying for being disposed of. When the proper time comes they will also be all disposed of.

Shri Narendrasingh Mahida: That is the biggest diamond.

Mr. Speaker: It has not yet been disposed of, that is what the hon. Minister said.

श्री कछवाय : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या कोहेनूर हीर के मुकाबले का कोई हीरा अबतक आपके द्वारा निकाला गया है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अभी इनके द्वारा तो नहीं निकाला गया, अब निकाला जायेगा।

श्री कछवाय : इनकी योजना के द्वारा।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अभी योजना की तजवीज हो रही है फिर निकालो।

Historical Finds in Sagar District

*505. **Shri Bishwanath Roy:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state whether any material of historical importance has been discovered recently in Sagar District (Madhya Pradesh) as a result of excavation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): Yes, Sir. The materials excavated include microliths, Black and red and thick grey, Black-on-red and thin grey wares, painted sherds, terra-cotta figurines, coins etc. A striking find, according to the excavator, is a Copper celt with a sharp edge. The excavations are still in progress and results can be studied only later on.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know whether the period to which the materials discovered belong has been ascertained; if so, the age of the same?

Dr. M. M. Das: The historical period to which the materials belong is about 4000 years—from 2000 B.C. to 1800 A.D.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know whether proper financial arrangements have been made for the completion of the excavation work and, if so, when that work is expected to be completed?

Dr. M. M. Das: The Saugar University is conducting the excavation work. Up till now the Central Government has given them financial assistance to the tune of about Rs. 16,000.

Dr. M. S. Aney: May I know in which museum the discoveries of the excavation will be exhibited?