

desire that the policy of introducing Hindi should go slow so that there may not be any animosity between the different languages and Hindi?

Shri Hajarnavis: The views of the State Governments were obtained when the President's directive was given. I do not think they have changed from that position.

Mining Industry in Goa

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*487. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**
 A. V. Raghavan:

Will the Minister of **Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state the measures proposed to be taken to give a firm basis to the mining industry in Goa?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Thimmaiah): A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The following measures have been taken or proposed to be taken to give a firm basis to the mining industry in Goa.

(1) The Government of Goa, Daman and Diu propose to extend the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957, to the territory with a view to ensuring the regulation of mines and development of minerals on scientific lines. With the enforcement of the Act in the territory, the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, and the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1958, framed under the Act would also come into force. Besides, the Government of Goa propose to extend the Mines Act, 1952, to the territory to ensure safety in mines and regulation of labour.

(2) The Central Government have approved the scheme for the establishment of a pelletisation plant in Goa for the utilisation of iron ore fines.

(3) The feasibility of establishing a steel plant in the Goa-Hospet region of about 1.5 million tons of ingot

capacity is being examined. A proposal of Messrs. V. S. Dempo & Co., Limited for a pig iron plant in Goa of 1,00,000 tonnes capacity has been approved by the Central Government in principle.

(4) The Government of Goa, Daman and Diu is planning a re-organisation of the Government Mining Department in Goa so as to provide maximum service, research and analytical facilities to the mine owners.

(5) The Geological Survey of India are conducting a survey of the area to assess the availability of various minerals in the State.

(6) The programmes for development of power supply, roads and port facilities in Goa are expected to help strengthen the mining industry in the coming few years.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: The statement does not clearly show whether there has been a rise or steep fall in the production. Has there been any improvement in this industry in Goa? If so, what is the percentage?

Shri Thimmaiah: In 1962, the production of iron ore in Goa was about 54,40,421 tons and in 1963 (January to July) it is about 33,85,860 tons.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Has any representation been received by Government from the persons engaged in this trade in Goa regarding the difficulties which are hampering progress in this industry?

Shri Thimmaiah: The main difficulty was that a large quantity of iron ore was lying idle without any provision for export. This has been taken note of by the Ministry of International Trade. I think they have taken steps to clear up the dump there.

Shri R. S. Pandey: After independence of Goa, how many prospecting licences were given to private firms for mining in Goa?

Shri Thimmaiah: I do not have that information.

Shri Shivananjappa: May I know whether there is any proposal to start a pig iron plant in Goa?

Shri Thimmaiah: Yes, Sir. A pig iron plant with a capacity of one lakh tons has been approved by the Government in principle.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: We are told that the feasibility of establishing a steel plant in Goa is being examined. We would like to know by when this consideration will be completed, what the capital outlay would be and who would be the persons commissioned to carry it out.

Shri Thimmaiah: The Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries have asked Messrs. Dastoor & Co. (Private) Ltd., to submit the feasibility report, and I think it is still awaited by that Ministry.

Educational Mission to Liberia

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*489. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the request of U.N.E.S.C.O. the Government of India are sending an Educational Mission to Liberia;

(b) the period of stay of the Mission in Liberia; and

(c) the aims and functions thereof?

The Minister in charge of Ministry of Education (Shri Humayun Kabir):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Mission has already been sent.

(b) Nine to Ten weeks.

(c) To prepare a long-term and comprehensive plan of Educational Development in Liberia.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि भारत सरकार इस पर क्या खर्च करना चाहती है और अब तक क्या खर्च किया गया है ?

Shri Humayun Kabir: This is a UNESCO mission, so that, apart from the very nominal allowances which are paid to the officers, there will be hardly any expenditure incurred by the Government of India.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: The Indians who go there are no doubt members of the UNESCO mission, but I would like to know whether any instructions are given to them that they should mix with the Africans and behave in a manner that really the name of our country will come into respect with them? Or, do they behave in a very high and mighty manner when they go to Africa?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I think this question is not fair. These officers who have gone have established a reputation for good relations, and that is why UNESCO asked for them specially, and they are working for an African Government who are appreciating their work very well.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: My question was whether our Government makes special efforts to give them this angle.

Shri Humayun Kabir: Yes.

Shri Sheo Narain: May I know how many persons have been sent in this mission?

Shri Humayun Kabir: There are at present four persons in this mission.

Government Civil Servants

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491. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions have been issued regarding the protection of interest of Government civil servants who take up military service during the present emergency;

(b) if so, what are those instructions; and