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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Closure of Kolar Gold Mines

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 Shri Raghunath Singh:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri Gulshan:
 Shri Buta Singh:
 Shri Kapur Singh:
 Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
 Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri Bade:
 Shri U. M. Trivedi:
 Shri Warrior:
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:
 Shri Eswara Reddy:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
 Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
 Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to high cost of production Government are considering some proposal to close down Kolar Gold Mines; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the proposal?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) No; Sir. However, a Sub-Committee with the Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat) as Chairman has been constituted to suggest measures to reduce the high cost of production of gold.

(b) Does not arise.

Nutritional needs of Industrial Labour

*516. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scientific study has been made or is proposed to be made of the minimum nutritional needs of industrial labourers in various regions of the country:

(b) whether an attempt has also been made to link the nutritional needs with the food habits in the respective regions and the price index of food-stuffs; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House, [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1653/63].

Gold Refinery at Madras

*517. **Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madras Government have requested the Central Government to give financial assistance to start a refinery for manufacture of 14 ct. gold; and

(b) if so, the cost of the scheme and the quantity of 14 ct. gold to be produced in this refinery?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):

(a) Yes.

(b) The scheme is expected to cost Rs. 4 lakhs. It is not possible to estimate at this stage, the quantity of 14 carat gold which may be produced by this refinery.

Refugees in Sealdah Station

*518. **Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new decisions were taken in the recent conference he had with Chief Minister, Minister of Relief and Rehabilitation and the Finance Minister of West Bengal on the 16th July, 1963 at Calcutta about clearing the Sealdah Station of refugee quatters and rehabilitating them elsewhere; and

(b) the help, financial or otherwise, promised by the Union Government towards the solution of problem of Sealdah refugee squatters?