

(d) The Corporation has all along been following the policy of so investing its funds as to secure the maximum possible yield consistent with security, within the framework laid down by the Insurance Act, 1938.

Meeting of Eastern Zonal Council

*434. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any dates for a meeting of the Eastern Zonal Council have been fixed; and

(b) whether the Council have received any request from the Government of Orissa for consideration of the question of Saraikela and Kharsawan in the next meeting of the Council?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Not yet.

(b) No.

Bhilai Steel Plant

*435. { **Shri M. K. Kumaran:**
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production in Bhilai Steel Plant is being held up due to non-availability of sufficient wagons to move out finished products; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to remove this bottleneck?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) and (b). No, Sir. But during the first fortnight of April, 1962, the plant had to face certain difficulties on account of congestion in the stockyard. Both the Railways and the Steel Plant have taken steps to improve the situation by increasing the allotment of wagons, and their turn around.

Infiltration from East Pakistan

*436. { **Shri Maheswar Naik:**
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri R. S. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme has been under examination of the Union Government for effective protection of the Indian border areas against infiltration from East Pakistan;

(b) what are the measures contemplated under the new scheme;

(c) what additional cost is likely to be incurred thereunder; and

(d) how soon the proposal is expected to be put into effect?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) (d). A proposal was received from the Government of Assam for the sanction of some additional police staff to strengthen patrolling and vigilance on the Indo-Pakistan border against infiltration of Pakistani nationals from East Pakistan and to take effective action against those who after coming to Assam with valid travel documents do not leave the country on the expiry of their authorised period of residence. The proposal, which involves an expenditure of Rs. 6.85 lakhs (annual) and Rs. 2.92 lakhs (non-recurring), has since been approved.

Metal and Steel Factory, Ichapore

{ **Shri H. P. Chatterjee:**
*437. { **Shri Daji:**
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether production in 1961 in Metal and Steel Factory, Ichapore has increased to a great extent;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) how it compares with figures of 1960?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramalah):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The value of output during 1960-61 has increased by 48 per cent as compared to 1957-58.

(c) The increase is by about 23 per cent as compared to 1959-60.

Well No. 1 At Rudrasagar, Assam

***438. Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work over rig was made available for Well No. 1 at Rudrasagar, Assam in time; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position in relation to this Oil Well at present?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) There has been some delay in putting the work over rig in operation at Well No. 1.

(b) During production testing the interval from 3086 metres to 3101 metres initially indicated traces of oil, but had later started producing mainly water. The next higher interval from 3048 metres to 3053 metres is being tested at present.

Training of Engineers in Steel Processing

***439. Shri Mohammad Elias:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought facilities from the French Government for training Indian engineers in steel processing;

(b) if so, what will be the method of selecting the trainees; and

(c) how many engineers will be going for training at a time?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suitable candidates are selected by Hindustan Steel Ltd. for training in different fields taking into consideration their qualifications and experience and requirements of the steel plants.

(c) Approximately 15 officers are expected to be sent for training.

Oil in Jammu & Kashmir

***440. Shri Inder J. Malhotra:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been undertaken by Government to explore the possibilities of finding oil in certain areas of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Surface mapping surveys indicate the existence of an anticline in the foothills. Further geophysical investigations will have to be carried out before the oil and gas potential of this area can be tested by deep drilling.

Mining of Copper ore at Khetri

***441. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:**

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

(a) whether the mining and concentration of Copper Ore at Khetri has started; and

(b) if so, the total quantity of ore mined?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir. The mining and concentration of copper ore at Khetri are expected to commence in 1965.

(b) Does not arise.