

May I know whether we are receiving any such assistance from the INTERPOL and if not, why not?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have to find out what it is. So far as I am concerned, I am not keeping myself so completely well informed as the hon Member opposite seems to be in this particular matter.

Construction Allowance to Class IV Employees

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*450. { Shri Narayanankutty
Menon:
Shri A.K. Gopalan:

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

(a) whether construction allowances have been granted to Class IV staff employed at steel projects;

(b) if so, the number of workers benefited, and

(c) why this allowance has not been granted to Class III staff?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) 688

(c) The allowance is also paid to Class III staff

राजस्थान में तांबे की खानें

*४५१ श्री रघुनाथ सिंह क्या इस्पात, खान तथा ईंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि भलवर (राजस्थान) क्षेत्र में कुछ पुरानी तांबे की खानें हैं, और यदि हा, तो क्या सरकार उन से खनिज निकालने के लिये कोई ठोस कदम उठाना चाहती है ?

इस्पात, खान और ईंधन मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) जी, हा। इस क्षेत्र में लगभग प्राचीन दर्जन पुरानी खानें हैं। भारतीय खनिज विभाग प्रायः इस क्षेत्र का विस्तृत प्रबन्ध कर रहा है। प्रबन्ध से जो परिणाम प्राप्त

होंगे उन के आधार पर यह फैसला किया जायेगा कि इस क्षेत्र में खनिज निकालने के लिये प्रायः बढ़ना सम्भव है या नहीं।

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Will the hon. Minister give the English translation? Hon Members require it

Sardar Swaran Singh: Yes, Sir. There are about half a dozen old workings in this region. Detailed prospecting is presently being done by the Indian Bureau of Mines. On the results obtained it will be decided whether it will be possible to undertake mining.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यहाँ का तांबा अच्छी क्वालिटी का है।

Sardar Swaran Singh: It will be very difficult for me to define exactly the quality, but the metal content usually ranges between 37 per cent. to 94.8 per cent in some of the old mines. Some of the rich samples have indicated a metal content of more than 10 per cent, the highest metal content recorded in one of the samples so far is 19 per cent. It is known that there is ore of mineable quality, but the grade-wise assessment is still to be made.

Shri Kasliwal: May I know whether Government will float any company in order to exploit the copper mines and may I know whether

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Only one "may I know" at a time

Sardar Swaran Singh: As I have said, some more investigation is necessary before we embark upon the floating of a private company or decide to do it in the public sector.

Shri Kasliwal: The hon. Minister will recall that there were some rich copper deposits in the region of Khetri, Jaipur, which were exploited by the Jaipur Mining Company. May I know whether that company or any

other company the Government propose to float will also work these mines?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I did not say that we propose to float any company; therefore, that question does not arise

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know what is the exact position of the availability of copper from indigenous sources and how much of our demand is now met by production in this country?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I would require notice

Shri P. C. Bose: Will the Government ascertain when these mines were worked before and when they were abandoned and why?

Sardar Swaran Singh: That would be going into a long history. If a separate notice is put, I will try to collect the information

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That cannot be done in the Question Hour

Shri C. R. Narasimhan: May I know whether this copper ore is likely to contain uranium ore also? In other areas in Rajasthan, when mining operations took place, tailings of uranium were found. May I know whether in this case also, there is likely to be any uranium?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I will not hazard a guess

International Geophysical Year

*453. **Shri Naushir Bharucha:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state

(a) whether it is proposed to keep track of the space satellites proposed to be launched by USA and USSR during the International Geophysical Year from any centres in India and, if so, what are the arrangements made therefor, and

(b) whether any agreement exists between India and USA,

USSR, Britain, or any other country for reciprocal exchange of data relating to any aspect of fundamental research conducted in the course of experiments during the Geophysical Year?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Shri M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir. Space satellites launched by the USA and the USSR will be tracked from the UP State Government Observatory at Nainital, using equipment to be loaned by the Astrophysical Observatory, USA

(b) No, Sir. But the data would be available to all nations and scientists

Shri Naushir Bharucha: May I know what are the major problems which India will undertake as her share of contribution during the geophysical year?

Shri M. M. Das: The Indian programme consists of investigations regarding meteorology, geomagnetism, aurora, air-glow ionosphere, solar activity, cosmic rays, latitudes and longitudes, oceanography, rockets and satellites, seismology and gravity measurements

Shri Naushir Bharucha: May I know what would be the total expenditure that we shall have to incur up to the end of 31st December 1958 in respect of these problems?

Shri M. M. Das: So far as the Government of India is concerned they have not to spend a single pie more than their normal expenditure. The additional expenditure if any, will be incurred by the different organisations that will take up these investigations

Shri Supakar: What about the political satellites of those countries? Will they also be watched?

Shri M. M. Das: I do not think I need answer that question

श्री भवन बर्मान: श्री मी जी ने बताया कि नैनीताल की वैज्ञानिकों से इसकी व्यवस्था की जा रही है। क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि क्या