

and also by the Central Government, may I know what the Government propose to do if the other educational institutions agitate for the same facility?

Shri Humayun Kabir: We are concerned here with the technical institutions. One of the major reasons why increased salary was accepted in their case is that technical personnel are not available. We received a report sometime ago that about 40 per cent. of the teaching posts were lying vacant or were partially filled, and therefore special measures had to be taken.

Graphite Deposits in Kashmir

*818. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Shri Pangarkar:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that large deposits of graphite have been found in the Baramulla division of Kashmir, and

(b) if so, the estimated quantity available?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha**): (a) and (b) Graphite deposits in Baramulla district were already known to exist but no systematic investigation had been undertaken. The Geological Survey of India, however, has carried out a preliminary investigation of the said deposits as a result of which gross reserves are estimated at about 35.84 million tons up to a depth of 100 feet. Workable reserves for the same depth have been calculated at 14.33 million tons. The ore is reported to be poor in quality.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know whether it will be economical to exploit this Kashmir mine?

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: I have already said that the ore is poor, but after beneficiation it might be economical to work it.

Shri A. M. Tariq: It was just now said that no systematic investigation has taken place by this time. May I know how much time it will take to investigate into this matter?

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: I have already said that we are investigating into the further deposit of graphite in Baramulla area.

Stainless Steel Plant

*819. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the location of the proposed Stainless Steel Plant has been decided by now; and

(b) if so, where it is proposed to be located?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (**Sardar Swaran Singh**): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Not yet. Among other things the Indian Consultants are to recommend, in the detailed project report, the suitability of various sites for the location of the plant.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know what different sites are in the view of the Government and by what time a final decision can be taken?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The sites will be in the view of the Government on the report of the consultants.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know which are the sites now under consideration of the Government and by what time the report will be finalised?

Mr. Speaker: It has been referred to a Committee. There is no meaning in asking this question. The hon. Minister has explained that this question will arise only after he receives the advice from the experts. There-

fore, what is the meaning of tentatively getting some figure and cross-examining later that such and such a thing has not been adopted?

Shri Panigrahi: Can we hope that this plant can come up in the Second Plan period?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I think the preparation of the detailed project report will take about seven months. Thereafter, the actual construction will take roughly about three years.

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know what has happened to the proposal put forward by the Bhadravati Iron and Steel Works to have a stainless steel plant at Bhadravati?

Sardar Swaran Singh: There is no separate proposal. This will depend now upon the project report and the ultimate decision of the Government as to whether the public sector steel plant should be located at Bhadravati or at any other place.

Shri Damani: May I know whether a survey has been made to find out whether the production of this plant will meet the requirements of the country to the fullest and, if not, what steps are going to be taken to increase the production by installing plants in other places also?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The initial production is going to be of the order of 40,000 tons per year in the form of ingots. It is our intention to make arrangements so that the production can be doubled.

Mr. Speaker: Shri A. K. Gopalan—absent. Shri Kunhan:

Shri Kunhan: Question No. 820

Shri S. M. Banerjee: Question No. 828 may also be taken up along with this.

The Deputy Minister of Law (Shri Hajarnavis): I have no objection.

Mr. Speaker: Yes; it may be taken up along with Question No. 820.

New System of Voting

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*820. { **Shri Kunhan:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri N. E. Munsamy:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new scheme of issuing identity cards to voters has been tried anywhere;

(b) if so, in which areas and the number of voters involved;

(c) what is the expense involved in issuing identity cards to every voter; and

(d) how far has the scheme been successful?

The Deputy Minister of Law (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) and (b). The scheme of issuing to voters identity cards with photographs attached is being tried as an experimental measure in the Calcutta South-West Parliamentary constituency, i.e., the areas comprised within Chowringhee, Kalighat, Fort, Alipore, Ekbalpore, Garden Reach and Behala Assembly constituencies. The total number of voters in these constituencies is a little over 3,80,000.

(c) The expense involved in issuing the identity cards is estimated at Rs. 3,60,000. This is to be shared equally by the Government of India and the State Government.

(d) The success of the scheme can be determined only after the work is completed. It is now in progress.

Photographs of Voters

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*828. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Aurebindo Ghosal:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Haider:

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of voters in South West