

tons of pig iron produced by Bhilai Steel Project has been exported to Japan.

#### Durgapur Steel Plant

\*485. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri P. C. Barooah:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Supakar:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1216 on the 8th September, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to investigate into the matter of defective pile foundations put at the Durgapur Steel Plant has submitted its report and

(b) if so, the findings of the Committee?

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

(b) The findings of the Committee are being examined by the Hindustan Steel Limited.

#### Assistance to Mining Entrepreneurs

\*486. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) what assistance, financial and technical, has been rendered by Government in the development of mines other than coal and iron ore, particularly to the small entrepreneur;

(b) what machinery and provision exist for the purpose; and

(c) what is being done to co-ordinate mineral development with allied industries?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). No financial assistance has so far been given directly by the Central Government. The State Government of Orissa intends to form co-operative societies for helping small mine-owners and for this purpose a provision of Rs. 13.5 lakhs is available during

the current plan. The State Government of Rajasthan has a provision of Rs. 14.25 lakhs for purchase of equipment for being loaned to small quarry owners during the Second Plan. The State Government of Punjab have also for similar purposes provided Rs. 1.5 lakhs.

(c) With a view to feed the demand of raw materials for industries, the Government of India and the State Governments have expanded their activities in connection with exploration programmes. The Indian Bureau of Mines through its methods of control and conservation assists in better mining and scientific production from the mines. All attempts are being made to keep up as far as practicable with the demand.

#### दिल्ली में कुत्रिम नमोमंडल

{ श्री भक्त वर्मान :  
\*४८७. { श्री नवल प्रभाकर :  
{ श्री बी० चं० शर्मा :

क्या वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मंत्री ३१ अगस्त, १९५९ के तारंकित प्रश्न संख्या १००६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दिल्ली में उस भवन के निर्माण के संबंध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है जहाँ कुत्रिम नमोमंडल जनता द्वारा देखे जाने के लिये रखा जा सकेगा ?

वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री हुमायूँ कबिर) : प्रश्नकारों के द्वारा पलेनेटेरियम की इमारत बनाने के टेंडर मांगे गये हैं। टेंडर की प्राथिरी तारीख १८ दिसम्बर, १९५९ है।

#### Collection of Income-Tax

{ Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
\*488. { Shri Panigrahi:  
{ Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large portion of arrears of income-tax has been realised;