

these envelopes containing gold, the Foreign Post was checked up and 21 more envelopes containing approximately one tola of gold each in powdered form were also recovered.

**नेशनल एटलस आर्गनाइजेशन आफ इंडिया
का मुख्य कार्यालय**

११६८-ख. श्री भक्त दत्तान : क्या वेंचानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मंत्रा यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सब है कि नेशनल एटलस आर्गनाइजेशन आफ इंडिया का मुख्य कार्यालय देहरादून से हटा कर कलकत्ता ले जाने का निश्चय किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक कार्य-मंत्री (श्री हुमायून् कबिर) : (क) और (ख) नेशनल एटलस आर्गनाइजेशन का मुख्य दफ्तर शुरू से ही कलकत्ता में है और इसलिये उसे हटाने का मवाल नहीं उठता ।

Steel Plant at Bokaro

+1169. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Ramakrishna Reddy:
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 725 on the 13th August, 1959 and state the nature of progress since made in setting up a fourth steel plant at Bokaro?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh) : Preliminary investigations regarding soil conditions and the field work for a contour survey have been completed. Over 100 holes have been drilled into hard rock and more than 150 pits dug to determine the sub-soil water level

and the nature and quality of soil and water.

The construction of temporary offices and bachelors' quarters at the site camp is nearing completion. The Indian firm of Consultants appointed to prepare a preliminary project report has submitted an interim report on the market survey.

Gold Smuggling

*1170. Shri N. R. Muniswamy: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objects and aims contemplated in introducing special rupee notes for circulation in West Asia by the Reserve Bank of India were achieved in inhibiting the flow of smuggled gold from traditional sources; and

(b) whether the smugglers have switched on to a change in pattern of smuggling operation to circumvent the currency regulations and exchange controls by reviving their business links snapped by these restrictive measures?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha) : (a) Yes.

(b) Smuggling of gold into India is also financed through other means than the export of Indian notes to the areas in which special Indian currency has been issued. Such smuggling is, however, very difficult, and there is no reason to believe that it has increased recently to any significant extent.

Harijan Welfare Department in Kerala

*1171. { Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
Shri V. Eacharan:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government have decided to conduct any inquiries into the working of the Co-operative Societies and the Harijan Welfare Department in the Kerala State; and