

(d) the action taken to realise the balance?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) to (d). Provident fund amounting to Rs. 34,86,932 being employers' and workers' contribution has already been received and nothing is in balance on this account. However, damages concerning delayed payments remain to be realised for which recovery and prosecution proceedings have been launched.

**Dearness Allowance to Coal-Miners**

\*1442. { **Shrimati Ranu Chakravarty:**  
**Shri Chiniamoni Panigrahi:**  
**Shri Prabhat Kar:**  
**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shri Muhammed Elias:**

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to increase the dearness allowances to coal-miners from April 1960 following the rise of 23 points on and above the 102 points accorded in the average All India cost of living index for the period July-December, 1959;

(b) whether any representation has been received on this matter from the workers' organisations; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to implement the Labour Appellate Tribunal's award in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) In accordance with the formula laid down by the Labour Appellate Tribunal and also the agreements reached at tripartite meetings of coal mining interests held in August, 1958 and May 1959, the workmen employed in the coal mines are entitled to an increase in their dearness allowance from the 1st April, 1960.

(b) Yes.

(c) The employers' organisations in the Coal Mining Industry have already issued instructions to their members to pay the workmen concerned the

enhanced dearness allowance from the 1st April, 1960.

**Monazite Sands**

\*1443. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reserves of monazite sands have been found recently at Ranchi in Bihar, Purulia and Bankura in West Bengal and at Kurnool in Andhra;

(b) the estimated quantity of reserves at each place; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to explore them?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan):** (a) The monazite deposits in Ranchi (Bihar), Purulia and Bankura (West Bengal) and Kurnool (Andhra) were discovered in 1956-57.

(b) The present estimated reserves of monazite in Ranchi (Bihar) and Purulia and Bankura (West Bengal) are of the order of 1.5 million tons and 15,000 tons in Kurnool (Andhra).

(c) Reconnaissance surveys of the inland placer deposits in the above areas have already been carried out and detailed investigations have been commenced in selected areas. The work is in progress.

**Alternative Employment for Retrenched Employees**

\*1444. **Shri M. B. Thakore:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) how many retrenched Central Government employees are registered with the Directorate General of Resettlement and Employment as on 15th March, 1960 for alternative employment;

(b) whether the Employment Directorate have so far convened any meeting of the representatives of the Ministries of Government of India in regard to the absorption of retrenched employees; and