

**Diamond Deposits in Andhra Pradesh**

\*1491, **Shri Venkatasubbaiah**: Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India has disclosed the existence of diamonds in Banaganapalle of Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether permission has been granted to any agency for the prospecting and mining of the mineral;

(c) if so, the name of the agency; and

(d) the terms and conditions on which permission has been accorded?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha)**: (a) The occurrences of diamond have been recorded by the Geological Survey of India from the bed of conglomerates near Banaganapalle.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

**Shri Venkatasubbaiah**: May I know whether Government are aware that when this was a princely State, actually prospecting had been carried on and licence was also given to a company? Are there any proposals before Government now from any agency for prospecting for diamonds in this area?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha**: This was worked long ago, before 1830, in Manu Madugu area.

**Shri Venkatasubbaiah**: Actually prospecting had been carried on. May I know whether Government propose to inquire further into the matter and find out the possibilities of finding diamonds in that area?

**The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya)**: Sometime back the mining lease for this area was held by a private party. But that lease has expired. Government have included a comprehensive programme

of survey and prospecting of this area in the Third Five Year Plan.

**Shri Rameshwar Rao**: Will the hon. Minister kindly inform us whether a comprehensive geological survey of the Krishna Valley for industrial diamonds has been conducted?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya**: Some geological survey has been conducted in this area. As I said, a thorough programme of mapping and a more comprehensive survey is now included in the Third Five Year Plan programme of the Geological Survey of India.

**Shri Venkatasubbaiah**: May I know whether any agency has applied for licence to prospect in this area?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya**: I am not aware of any agency that has recently applied for prospecting in this area.

**Shri Raml Reddy**: Is it not a fact that at a place called Vajrakarur, about 30—45 miles from Banaganapalle, there are deposits of diamonds and during the rainy season every year one or two diamonds are to be found? May I know whether the Geological Survey would undertake a survey of that place?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya**: It is a fact that geologically this is a diamondiferous area. The surface has also disclosed that some low quality diamonds have from time to time been worked out by private parties. That is why we are now systematically approaching the whole question and going to include it in the Third Plan programme. We hope to produce some diamonds from this area.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao**: Is it still at the stage of geological survey or are the Indian Bureau of Mines drilling any holes to find out the extent of the deposits?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya**: The initial programme of survey conducted by the Geological Survey of India includes drilling also.

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### Population Survey

\*1492. **Shri Achar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are undertaking a sample survey with a view to collecting vital data about population trends;

(b) if so, in which areas of the country; and

(c) the reasons why the said parts of the country have been selected?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva):** (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Villages and towns selected on statistical principles in the States which have agreed to have such surveys conducted.

**Shri Achar:** May I know whether the survey is carried out with regard to different groups of populations like industrial classes and agricultural classes?

**Shrimati Alva:** This survey is conducted by the State Statistical Bureau mainly to ascertain the growth of population and the rate of increase in rural and urban areas separately.

**Shri Tangamani:** May I know whether Government have any estimate of the rate of growth of population during the next five years?

**Shrimati Alva:** The survey is to be made and then only we will know.

### Defence Headquarters Service

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**Shri Tangamani:**  
**Shri S. R. Arumugham:**  
**Shri Dharmalingam:**  
**Shri Ganapathy:**  
**Shri Thanulingam Nadar:**  
**Shri R. S. Arumugam:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to constitute a Defence Headquarters Service by merging the existing staff of the Armed Forces Headquarters with that of the Defence Secretariat;

(b) whether the staff of the Ministry of Defence are opposed to the proposed merger with the Armed Forces Headquarters on the ground that it would be harmful to their interests;

(c) the stage at which the consideration of the proposal is; and

(d) whether it is proposed to allow the staff of the Defence Secretariat the option to keep out of the new scheme and retain their membership of the Central Secretariat Service?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (Shri Fatesinhrao Gaekwad):** (a) Proposals have been under review for a long time for pooling the staff of the Secretariat of the Defence Ministry and the civilian establishment of the Armed Forces Headquarters.

(b) There is always opposition to change from some quarter or another.

(c) and (d). The details of the proposal are under examination in consultation with the various authorities concerned.

**Shri Tangamani:** In view of the prolonged nature of the discussions going on, will Government consider dropping the proposal itself?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** No, Sir.

**Shri Tangamani:** How many members of the staff in the Secretariat will