

(c) Because according to the Census of 1951 the population of areas covered by Greater Bombay Corporation, which includes the suburbs also, is larger than the population of areas covered by Calcutta Corporation, which does not include all the suburbs.

Supply of Iron Ore to Steel Plants

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

(a) whether Government have formulated any long-term policy regarding the supply of iron ore to the Steel Plants in the public sector;

(b) whether the Hindustan Steel Limited is purchasing ores through the State Trading Corporation for the Steel Plants as a short-term arrangement; and

(c) whether purchase through State Trading Corporation will be abandoned as soon as the iron ore mines owned in the public sector start working?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Not entirely, Sir. Even in the long term plan a certain quantity of ore from market mines is to be supplied to the Durgapur Steel works. The State Trading Corporation will be used to the extent convenient for the purchase of ore from market mines.

Free Legal Aid to the Poor

*111. { **Shri A. M. Tariq:**
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Rami Reddy:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 996 on the 1st September, 1960 and state the further progress made in the scheme of provid-

ing free legal aid to the poor in the country?

The Minister of Law (Shri A. K. Sen): The model scheme for legal aid to the poor prepared for the guidance of the State Governments is still under consideration in the light of the discussions held at the recent Conference of Law Ministers.

Agreement with Oil Companies

*112 { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:

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

(a) whether the three private refineries operating in India have made any offer or given any indication as to their readiness to revise the existing agreements with the Government of India;

(b) the precise nature of such offers;

(c) whether Government of India have considered the offer; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Oil Survey in Jaisalmer

*113. { **Shri Warrior:**
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Morarka:
Shri Damani:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standard Vacuum Oil Company has submitted proposals to the Government for exploration of oil in Jaisalmer area in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, at what stage the proposals are at present?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.