

**Rare Diamond in Panna Mine**

- \*278. { **Shri Mohan Swarup:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Shri P. K. Deo:**  
**Shri R. S. Tiwari:**  
**Shri N. M. Deb:**

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

(a) whether a rare diamond has been found in a mine in Panna District in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the quality and in what quantity this diamond is extracted from the mines of Panna; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to start diamond industry in the country as a result thereof?

**The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). A few good quality gem diamonds were recovered from Mahuadola and Baram Ki Khuiya mines in Panna District during the period August, 1960 to October, 1960. A statement is laid on the table of the House giving the weight and estimated value of the diamonds recovered. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 73.]

(c) Some of the diamond bearing areas in Madhya Pradesh are already being prospected by the National Mineral Development Corporation Limited, a Government of India undertaking, with a view to exploit the deposits in a scientific manner.

**Air Accident Near Moga**

- \*279. { **Shri Ramji Verma:**  
**Shri Assar:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one Indian Air Force plane caught fire over Moga on or about the 18th September, 1960;

(b) whether it is a fact that another I.A.F. aircraft, a Vampire jet, also

crashed near Hakimpet Military Airport on the 19th September, 1960;

(c) if so, how many persons died in these accidents;

(d) the causes of these accidents;

(e) have Government taken any steps to check such accidents; and

(f) if so, what are they?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia):** (a) One aircraft crashed two miles from Moga on 20th September 1960 but it did not catch fire in the air.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Two pilots.

(d) to (f). The causes are being investigated by Courts of Inquiry appointed for the purpose. Their report will be carefully considered and necessary action taken thereon.

**Cost of Production of Pig Iron and Steel**

- \*280. { **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:**  
**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shri Morarka:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri Damani:**  
**Pandit D. N. Tiwari:**

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

(a) whether it has been found possible to work out the cost of production of pig iron and steel in the three Steel Plants of Hindustan Steel Limited;

(b) if so, what is the cost for the three plants separately; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the specific reasons why the cost of production has not been known till now?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The three steel projects are still in early stages of production. In

none of these steel works, have all the departments been, even commissioned. A realistic assessment of cost of production can be made only after the plants have been full production for sometime.

#### **Estimates of Public Sector Projects**

\*281. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the names of projects in the public sector the estimates of which have gone up;

(b) the reasons for the increase in the estimates; and

(c) the effect of this increase on the foreign exchange requirements?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. B. Bhagat):** (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House in due course.

#### **Oil Refining**

\*282. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) what offers Government have received from private sector for augmenting oil refining capacity of the country;

(b) the Government's reaction to the same;

(c) whether Government have reassessed requirements of oil at the end of 1965; and

(d) if so, the conclusions arrived at?

**The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) An offer has been made by Burmah-Shell Refineries Ltd.

(b) This will be formulated after receipt of the clarifications asked for from the Company.

(c) Yes.

(d) Tentatively about 13 million tons refinery capacity may be required by 1966.

#### **Coal Supply to Steel Plants**

\*283. **Shri Yadav Narayan Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal that is being supplied to the Steel Plants at Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur contains more percentage of ash; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to improve the quality of the coal?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As a long-term measure, it is proposed to wash all coking coals used in the steel plants. There were three washeries. Two more have been recently installed. Three others are in various stages of construction.

In addition, with a view to encouraging collieries to improve the quality of coal supplied to steel plants, a proposal is under consideration under which collieries will be paid certain specified amounts over and above the controlled price for each grade, depending on the extent to which the ash content is lower than the maximum prescribed for a particular grade.

#### **अंगहीन सैनिक**

\*२८४. **श्री पद्म देव :** क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि युद्ध में अंगहीन हुए भारतीय सैनिकों के कल्याण के लिये सरकार ने क्या योजनाएँ बनाई हैं ?

**प्रति रक्षा मंत्री (श्री कृष्ण मेनन) :** एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है ।

#### **विवरण**

**नौकरी दिलाने में सहायता :**

१. भूतपूर्व सैनिकों और केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा छांटी किए गए नौकरी-पेशा लोगों को काम दिलाने में, काम दिलाऊ