

number of educational institutions run on the lines of public schools which impart general education to others along with children of servicemen;

(b) if so, whether the desirability of transferring the management of these schools to the Ministry of Education has been examined; and

(c) the result of the transfer of management of the schools at Sanawar and Lovedale to the Ministry of Education?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) Yes, Sir. The Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehra Dun and the four King George's Schools located at Ajmer, Bangalore, Belgaum and Chail (Simla Hills), which are run on the lines of public schools and which impart general education to others along with children of servicemen, are functioning under the control of the Ministry of Defence.

(b) Since the Ministry of Education do not manage schools, the question of transferring these Schools to the Ministry of Education does not arise.

(c) After the transfer the Ministry of Education set up autonomous governing bodies to manage these schools. The schools are accordingly no longer under the management of that Ministry and they do not receive any grants from that Ministry.

#### **Rourkela and Durgapur Steel Plants**

\*468. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**  
**Shri A. M. Tariq:**

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state how many times the blast furnaces of Rourkela and Durgapur stopped working during the period from June, 1960 to July, 1961?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** During the period June, 1960 to July, 1961, the blast furnaces in Rourkela had to be stopped seven times and those in Durgapur ten times. Most of these

stoppages were for minor operational reasons.

#### **Rourkela Steel Plant**

\*469. { **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:**  
**Shri N. R. Muniswamy:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

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

(a) whether Government have made enquiries regarding frequent breakdowns in different sectors of Rourkela Factory;

(b) since the first blast furnace was commissioned to operation, the actual number of time that breakdowns have taken place up-to-date;

(c) what steps have been taken to remove the defects; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to appoint an expert committee to make a thorough study of the operational position of Rourkela Factory?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) The position is kept under general watch and Government have also decided to appoint a committee to enquire into the recent breakdown in the twin-drive bottom motor of the blooming and slabbing mill.

(b) & (c). Apart from short stoppages for operational and other reasons, the furnace No. I of Rourkela Steel Works had two breakouts and two failures around the tap-hole since its commissioning on the 24th January, 1959. These breakdowns were due to weakness around the tap hole lining. The brick work around the tap-hole has been completely removed and thoroughly repaired under the supervision of German Experts. There was another breakdown following a fatal accident to a worker, when the furnace could not be charged regularly with the result that the hearth got chilled. The furnace is now going back into normal production.

(d) No, Sir. But Government are taking steps to ensure normal operational efficiency.

#### Indian Technicians to Russia

\*470. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:  
Shri P. G. Deb:  
Maharajkumar Vijaya  
Ananda:

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

(a) how many Indian technicians have been sent to Russia so far for training in oil refinery and processing; and

(b) whether all of them have come back?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) 59.

(b) No, Sir.

#### Prices of Agricultural Food Products

\*471. Dr. Samantsinhar: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the causes of rise in the wholesale price index when the prices of various agricultural food products are going down or are steady; and

(b) what steps are being taken to reduce the wholesale price index and when the net results would be achieved?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) The rise in the general index of wholesale prices over the last year was mainly due to poor crop for two successive years of raw materials, especially jute and oilseeds and the consequent increase in the prices of these materials and the products made from them.

(b) It is Government's policy to maintain reasonable stability of prices of essential commodities. Appropriate measures are taken from time to time towards this end. In respect of foodgrains and certain other essential commodities, these measures have already shown results.

#### Border Areas

{ Shri P. G. Deb:  
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:  
\*472. { Maharajkumar Vijaya  
Ananda:  
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:  
Shri Vajpayee:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any border areas have been notified under the amended Criminal Act to check political activities prejudicial to the integrity of the country; and

(b) if so, in which States?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). No border areas have yet been notified under Section 3 of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1961.

#### Gold Deposits in Kerala

{ Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:  
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:  
Shri P. G. Deb:  
\*473. { Shri P. C. Borooah:  
Shri Kunhan:  
Shri Jinachandran:  
Shri Rajendra Singh:

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

(a) whether gold deposits have been found in some areas of Kerala;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity so far explored;

(c) whether any scheme for detailed survey of the areas has been included in the Third Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the cost of the scheme?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No new deposits of gold have been recorded by the Geological Survey of India in Kerala. The occurrence of gold in the Wynad gold belt extending both in the Madras and Kerala States is known since long.

(b) The Wynad gold field of Madras and Kerala was prospected from