

गुह-कार्य मंत्री (श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री) : (क) हाल में ऐसा कोई स्मारक पत्र नहीं मिला है।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Reward for Discovery of Minerals

*940. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Bahadur Singh:
Shri Nek Ram Negi:

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

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to reward persons who supply information leading to the discovery of new mineral deposits of economic importance; and

(b) if so, details of this reward programme?

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

(b) A statement giving the requisite details is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-3162/61].

Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehra Dun

*941. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Nek Ram Negi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of **Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made for the establishment of the Indian Institute of Petroleum at Dehra Dun;

(b) whether all the French technicians have arrived who are to assist for the establishment of Institute and training of staff; and

(c) how long these French experts will stay after the completion of the project?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun

Kabir): (a) Steps have been taken to acquire land for the Institute at Dehra Dun. Four trainees are receiving training at the French Institute of Petroleum and another batch of four will be going shortly. Preparation of plans and estimates of the buildings are on hand.

(b) No, Sir, four experts have joined so far.

(c) The French experts will be gradually replaced by Indian officers after July, 1965 by which time the project will be in full working status.

Co-ordination Committee on Physical Education, and Youth Welfare

*942. { Shri Kodiyan:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Chuni Lal:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1578 on the 18th April, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to co-ordinate all schemes of physical education, recreation and youth welfare have submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main recommendations contained in the report;

(c) whether Government have examined the report and taken any decision; and

(d) if so, the nature of decision taken?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. I. Shrivall): (a) No, Sir.

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

Non-Coking Coal Washeries

*943. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla**: Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Fuel** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 919

on the 16th March, 1961 regarding non-coking coal washeries and state:

(a) whether the Fuel Research Institute has completed its investigations on the washability characteristics of non-coking coal drawn from areas where washeries are proposed to be set up and on the economics of washing the non-coking coal;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) the decisions taken in the matter?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a), (b) and (c). Yes; the Central Fuel Research Institute has completed investigations on the washability characteristics of non-coking coals drawn from certain seams in Karanpura (Bihar) and in the Central India Coal fields. Further necessary action to set up a washery at Karanpura is being taken. The economics of washing non-coking coals drawn and tested from the Central India Coalfield is still under examination in the context of various relevant factors, the most important one being arrangements for disposal of middlings.

Discovery of Minerals in West Bengal

*944. **Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether various kinds of minerals have been discovered in wide tracts of West Bengal in a recent geological survey; and

(b) if so, what are those minerals and in which districts?

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

(b) Occurrences of manganese ores, iron ores, white clay and kyanite in Midnapore district; white clay in Birbhum district; and coal in Bankura, Purulia and Burdwan districts have been recorded by the Geological Survey of India.

Re-Finance Corporation

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

(a) whether Government is considering to expand the activities of Re-finance Corporation to facilitate securing foreign exchange from the International Finance Corporation for importing capital equipment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) The International Finance Corporation had agreed in 1959 to consider applications for loans in foreign currencies from industrial concerns which had obtained rupee finance from the Re-finance Corporation. These arrangements were evolved on the initiative of the Re-finance Corporation itself.

(b) The assistance by the International Finance Corporation would be limited to cases where there are assured prospects of export earnings or savings in foreign exchange and would be within the framework of its general policies.

'Seizure of Gold in Delhi'

*946. { **Shrimati Mafda Ahmed:**
Shri Arjun Singh
Bhadauria:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the customs authorities seized gold bars worth about rupees two lakhs at the New Delhi Railway Station in May, 1961; and

(b) if so, the measures taken against the smugglers?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) Yes, Sir Gold bars and sovereigns worth about Rs. two lakhs were seized at the New Delhi Railway Station on the 22nd May, 1961.

(b) Two persons were arrested in this connection who were later released on bail by the Court. The case is under investigation.