

Shri Datar: If the hon. Member tables a separate question, I will get the information and give it.

Copper and Gold Deposits

*58. **Shri Agadi:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 432 on the 30th November, 1961 and state:

(a) the results of the Copper Mines Drilling operations at Kalyadi in Hassan District, Mysore State;

(b) whether the Government of Mysore has finally considered and investigated regarding the re-starting of the Kappatagudda Range Gold Mines in Dharwar District; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The first bore hole was closed at 141.12 metres. The second bore hole is in progress. The assay results of 51 core samples from the first bore hole have so far been received from the Government of Mysore. These results show a 6.7 metres zone at 60.04 to 66.74 metres depth with an average of 2.01 per cent copper in the first bore hole.

(b) The Government of India have no information.

(c) Does not arise.

Mr. Speaker: Question No. 59—Shri Supakar is absent. Question No. 60.—Shri Hem Raj is also absent.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : मुझे उन्होंने इसे पूछने का अधिकार दिया है ।

Mr. Speaker: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Rourkela Steel Plant

*44. **Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any breakdown of the rolling mills in Rourkela Steel Plant during the last six months; and

(b) the duration of this breakdown and the amount of loss involved?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). At about 4.15 P.M. on the 6th December, 1961, the wobbler and coupling of the top spindle of the Blooming and Slabbing Mill of the Rourkela Steel Works broke bringing the operation of the mill to an immediate stand still. Later examination revealed that the wobbler of the bottom spindle had also cracked. The spare parts required to recommission the mill were not available at Rourkela although orders for them had been placed in April & July, 1961. The spares were obtained from West Germany towards the end of December and were fitted into the mill. The slabbing mill was recommissioned on the 1st January, 1962.

The mill was, thus, out of operation for 25 days. If there had been no breakdown, the slabbing mill could during these 25 days, have rolled about 28,800 metric tons of slabs.

A committee has been appointed to investigate the reasons for the breakdown. This committee is expected to submit its report shortly.

Ahju Canal in Himachal Pradesh

45. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sanction has been given for the construction of a Kuhl, namely, Ahju Canal in Tehsil Jogindernagar of District Mandi in Himachal Pradesh; and