

From the recent work carried out by the Geological Survey of India near Nuzvid, Krishna district, it has been observed that out of several bore holes drilled for water in Nuzvid taluk, five bore holes have indicated the possible existence of coal in an area of about 25 square miles (59 sq. kms.). In one bore hole located about 400 metres east of Gollapilli, the coal seam appears to be about six metres in thickness.

(c) It has been suggested to the Government of Andhra Pradesh to put down exploratory boreholes in this area to study the thickness and quality of the coal seams, the probable reserves and the economics of their mining. The Government of Andhra Pradesh are considering this suggestion.

#### **Discovery of Coal Deposit in Mirzapur (U.P.)**

457. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large deposit of coal has been discovered in the Mirzapur district of U.P.;

(b) if so, what is the estimated extent of the deposits; and

(c) what steps have since been taken to exploit these reserves?

**The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) No new discovery of coal in the Mirzapur district of U.P. has been recorded by the Geological Survey of India. The extension of Singrauli coalfield into the Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh is known since long.

(b) The total extent of coal bearing rocks is about 900 sq. miles of which about 30 sq. miles lie in Mirzapur district of U.P. and the rest in Sidhi and Sahadul districts of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The target of production from this coalfield (Singrauli coalfield) has been fixed at 2.5 million tons in the Third Five Year Plan period; planning

for production from Singrauli coalfield has been taken in hand by the National Coal Development Corporation.

#### **Material on Indian Revolutionaries' Activities Abroad**

458. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have collected valuable material on the activities of the Indian revolutionaries abroad during the first quarter of the twentieth century;

(b) if so, what facts this material precisely reveals; and

(c) from which countries this material has been received?

**The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. They reveal the revolutionary activities of Indians in U.S.A., Germany and Pondicherry which was then a French possession.

#### **Electrical Factory at Chandigarh**

459. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme for setting up at Chandigarh an electrical factory for manufacturing the cables and equipments for the defence forces;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been taken up in hand for implementation;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) what is the envisaged production capacity of the factory?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The scheme has been taken up in hand for implementation. Necessary land at Chandigarh has been obtained; plans for buildings are being finalised and orders for necessary plant and equipment are to be placed shortly.