

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Seven mines have been closed during this period.

(b) One mine has been closed for want of machinery another one has been closed due to water trouble; while 2 mines were temporarily closed. The cause of the closure of the remaining 3 mines is being investigated.

(c) These mines are worked in the private sector and under the normal circumstances, Government cannot compel the owner to reopen them.

Text Books in Tripuri Dialect

***1484. Shri Bangshi Thakur:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tripuri Dialect is one of the eight tribal dialects taken up to prepare special Text Books for facilitating teaching of tribal students; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to choose Tripuri Dialect to prepare Text Books for facilitating teaching of tribal students in Tripura?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be furnished later

International Council of Scientific Unions

***1486. Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the advantages and benefits derived by India from the membership of International Council of Scientific Unions; and

(b) whether any contribution has to be made by India for such membership?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 44].

Clothing Factories under Defence Ministry

***1487. Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to manufacture ready made garments for civilian use in some of the clothing factories under Defence Ministry?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): Yes, for Railway staff only.

Lime-stone Deposits in Andhra Pradesh

***1488. Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state the quality and quantity of limestone discovered by the Geological Survey of India in Andhra Pradesh?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 45].

Copper Deposits in Rajasthan

1176. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to work the copper deposits at Khetri and Dariba in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, when this proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider the question now?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). Investigations are being carried out in these two areas by the Geological Survey of India and the Indian Bureau of Mines. If these should show that the deposits can be exploited economically—and the indications so far are quite encouraging—Government propose to do so.