

(e) the nature of advice tendered by them?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Governments have not appointed any consulting engineers to advise on the expansion of steel plants and industries.

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

#### इस्पात संयंत्र

\*९५४. श्री आर० एन० सिंह : क्या

उत्पादन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि एक नए इस्पात संयंत्र के प्राविधिक (टेक्निकल) पहलुओं का अध्ययन करने के लिये कितने विशेषज्ञ नियुक्त किये गये हैं और क्या वे सभी भारतीय हैं ?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** Assuming that the hon. Member refers to the appointment of experts in connection with the offer of a steel plant from the Soviet Government, it may be stated that seventeen Indian Experts have so far been selected for studying the technical aspects of the project in collaboration with a team of fourteen Soviet Experts who arrived in India recently.

#### NATIONALISATION OF TRANSPORT

\*957. **Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state whether the Punjab Government have submitted its detailed programme for nationalisation of transport to the Planning Commission?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** No, Sir; not yet.

#### VALUABLE MINERALS

\*958. **Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether eminent Geologists have been deputed to investigate the extent of occurrence of Monazite, Ilmenite and Zircon;

(b) the basic findings of their investigations;

(c) whether they occur in sufficient quantities to make mining possible; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to develop these valuable minerals?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Defence (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) Two field parties of the Raw Materials Division of the Department of Atomic Energy under the charge of senior geologists are carrying on survey and prospecting work for estimating the reserves of Monazite, Ilmenite and Zircon in the States of Travancore-Cochin and Andhra.

(b) and (c). The results of investigations so far made indicate that these minerals occur in workable quantities. The survey work is however still in progress. The exact results of the investigations so far carried out cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

(d) Three minerals factories situated in the State of Travancore-Cochin are engaged on producing and developing the above minerals.

#### SEA EROSION

\*959. **Shri C. R. Iyyamni:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which are subject to frequent sea erosions; and

(b) the steps taken by the State or Central Government to prevent the erosions?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

#### COKE OVEN GAS

\*963. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1040 on the 16th September, 1954 and state:

(a) whether Government have come to any decision on the tenders submitted for producing Urea and Ammonium Nitrate by making use of the by-product coke-oven gases; and

(b) if so, what are the features of the scheme decided upon by Government?