

Shri Satish Chandra: The procedure is this: The State Governments, in consultation with the Transport Ministry and the Planning Commission, chalk out the programme. We see that programme and if there are any additional requirements, the same are indicated to them. Strategic roads form part of the general road development programme.

RESERVE BANK STAFF

*556. **Shri Randaman Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the last joint meeting of the Reserve Bank's Standing Advisory Committee on agricultural credit and the Central Committee for Cooperation Training, an increase in the staff of the Reserve Bank dealing with agricultural credit was urged; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action on the above proposal?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Reserve Bank will give effect to the proposal as soon as a decision is reached in respect of this and connected recommendations in the Report of the Survey.

श्री रमधमन सिंह: क्या माननीय मंत्री अपने उत्तर का हिन्दी में समझाने की कृपा करेंगे ?

श्री ए० सी० गुहा: (क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) इस प्रस्ताव पर जब रिजर्व बैंक का फैसला हो जाएगा तब उस पर काम किया जाएगा।

श्री रमधमन सिंह: कब तक फैसला हो जाना की सम्भावना है ?

श्री ए० सी० गुहा: जितनी जल्दी हो सकेगा।

GOLD IN BIHAR

*560. **Dr. Amin:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Gold belt has been discovered in Bihar by the Geological Survey of India recently; and

(b) if so, what amount has been spent on the prospecting of this belt and with what results?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) It is reported by the Director, Indian Bureau of Mines, that research and field work conducted by the Geological Division of the Damodar Valley Corporation in 1952, led to the location of gold in the Bihar Tertiary Gravel Belt.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

STATES REORGANISATION COMMISSION

*561. **Pandit M. B. Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States and places so far visited by the States Reorganisation Commission, and the names of the States that it is likely to visit before submission of its Report; and

(b) whether the recommendations will be implemented before the next General Elections?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) A statement indicating the names of the States and places visited by the States Reorganisation Commission upto 18th February, 1955, is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 52]. The States of Assam, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Patiala, and East Punjab States Union, Rajasthan, Saurashtra, Ajmer, Kutch, Manipur, Tripura as well as certain parts of West Bengal have still to be visited.

(b) Government are not in a position to make any statement at this stage.