

Shri Datar: I cannot answer this question in the absence of the information.

Shri Dasaratha Deb: Do the Government propose to return all the guns to the real owners immediately?

Shri Datar: After the information is received, Government will consider the matter.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: In view of the fact that there is inordinate delay and harassment and illegal gratification to be paid even for renewal in other States also, may I know what steps are proposed to be taken by the Government to liberalise the procedure of renewal?

Shri Datar: I am not prepared to accept the premises of the hon. Member. But I am prepared to assure the House that we are considering this question in relation to the proposed amendment of the Arms Act and Arms Rules.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: When it is being brought.....

Mr. Speaker: We will go to the next question.

**GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AT BELPAHARI
(MIDNAPORE)**

*1748. **Shri Subodh Hasda:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a geological survey for valuable minerals was undertaken at Belpahari in the Midnapore District, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the ultimate result of this survey?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 52.]

Shri Subodh Hasda: May I know whether such a survey was undertaken

to detect the occurrence of petroleum and tungsten there?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I require notice. I am not aware.

Shri Subodh Hasda: May I know in how many places a geological survey was conducted last year, and what are the new finds during the period?

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid the question is too wide. The original question relates only to Belpahari in Midnapore District, and I shall have to be more strict about supplementaries. I find that many supplementaries are being put which are outside the scope of questions.

Shri N. B. Chowdhuri: May I know the name of the agency that is conducting the survey and the mineral or other things for which the survey is being conducted?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: If the hon. Member is talking generally I will answer generally that the Geological Survey of India is conducting it.

Mr. Speaker: About this particular one he is asking.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The Director, Geological Survey of India, is getting this survey conducted under his own Department.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know what was the duration of the survey undertaken and whether it is still continuing?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: It was conducted during 1950-51 in the area under reference.

ORPHANS

*1749. **Dr. Rama Rao:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 732 on the 11th March, 1955 and state:

(a) the total estimated number of orphans in the country requiring care and assistance; and