

(b) if so, when the proposal will be given effect to?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) There is no proposal to electrify the Taj Mahal.

(b) Does not arise.

Gold in Kerala

*733. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Koya:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Geological Survey of India has undertaken large scale mapping of the Wynad Gold Belt area in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what is the progress of the survey?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines & Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis):

(a) Not so far.

(b) Does not arise.

Steel Plants

*734. { **Shri Maheswar Naik:**
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of programme of expansion in each steel plant in public sector;

(b) whether similar expansion programme is also being undertaken in the steel factories run in the private sector; and

(c) in what shape foreign collaboration, is made available both in the public and private sector plants?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) **Bhilai:** The detailed project report for expansion of Bhilai Steel Works submitted by the Soviet Organisation was approved by the Government of India in November 1961. Contract for the supply of equipment, etc. for expansion was signed between the Hindustan Steel Ltd. and the Soviet Organisation on 9th February 1962. Contracts for civil engineering works are likely to be placed shortly.

Rourkela: Invitations to tenders for the plant and equipment for the expansion have been issued except three items. Preliminary works at plant site have also started.

Durgapur: Arrangements for the issue of tender enquiries for the plant and equipment for expansion are being made. Preliminary works at plant site have also started.

Mysore Iron & Steel Works: The expansion programme originally envisaged in the Second Plan is being executed in Third Plan. Import licence for the plant and equipment has been issued.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In the case of Bhilai and Rourkela imports of plant and equipment for expansion are expected to be covered by foreign credits from Russia and Germany respectively. In the case of Durgapur it is expected to be covered by a credit offered by the British Government.

Extension of Training Period of the Trainees in Heavy Electricals Ltd. Bhopal

*735. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the training period of nearly 2000 trainees has been extended by another month in the Heavy Electricals Limited, Bhopal;

(b) if so, the reasons for this extension;