

transfers from one undertaking to another. As regards promotions, these will be entirely on the basis of merit.

(f) The deputationists from the other Services are posted in these undertakings for specified periods and on special deputation terms. Officers of the Industrial Management Pool, on the other hand, are intended to man the senior managerial posts in the undertakings without any fixed period of deputation and their conditions of service are as laid down in the Industrial Management Pool Scheme;

(g) No.

#### Steel Plant, Neyveli

3407. **Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assess the utility of the various end products from the proposed steel plant based on Neyveli lignite;

(b) if so, what is the machinery arranged for the assessment and when it is due to submit its report; and

(c) if already assessed, what are the details of assessment?

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

(a) to (c). An assessment will be made at the time a decision is taken to set up a steel plant based on Neyveli Lignite.

#### Report on Salem Iron Ore

3408. **Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 129 on the 23rd April, 1962 and state:

(a) whether Government have received the sample test report on Salem Iron Ore from East Germany, Norway and Jamshedpur on the economic feasibility of establishing a steel plant;

(b) if so, the results of the test and any other points stated in the test report; and

(c) the results in relation to the purpose for which the samples were sent?

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

(a) to (c). Preliminary reports on the tests conducted in East Germany, Norway, and Jamshedpur to determine the suitability of Salem iron ore for production of iron with Neyveli Lignite have been received. These reports have confirmed the earlier indications that it is technically feasible to produce iron with Salem iron ore Lignite coke in low shaft or electric furnaces. Further tests are in progress, which would throw more light on the technical aspects and would also help to determine the economic feasibility of the project.

#### Gurkha Regiment

3409. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether the recruitment to our Gurkha regiments is made only from the people of Nepali origin permanently residing in this country or from Nepali nationals as well?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramalah):** From both.

#### Oil Pipeline

3410. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel to pleased to state:

(a) the number of pumping and repeater stations which have so far been completed in connection with the pipeline-link between Digboi Oil fields and Barauni Oil Refinery; and

(b) how much of pipeline has already been laid?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a). 5 Pump Stations and 8 Repeater Stations have