

Extraordinary Diamond

108. **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 987 on the 30th November, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the value of the diamond weighing 47 ratties that was found recently in Panna has been assessed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is bigger than Kohinoor;

(c) the cost that has been assessed;

(d) whether Government will now sell the diamond or would like to retain it; and

(e) the percentage that will go to the miner who found it in Panna?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (e). Diamond weighing 47 rattis was found by a private miner which has been deposited with the Government of Madhya Pradesh. Its value has not yet been assessed. It is not known whether the new diamond found is bigger than Kohinoor. The usual practice is that diamonds discovered by miners are auctioned by the State Government authorities and from the sale proceeds 20% of the value of diamonds is deducted as royalty due to the State Government and the balance is given to the owner.

Production of Coal in Singareni Mines

109. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the production of coal in Singareni Group of Mines is greatly impeded due to the shortage of power; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to augment the supply of power to these collieries and the amount likely to be spent for this?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Shortage

of power has not so far affected the rate of production in the Singareni collieries.

(b) The requirements of power for increased production from this area during the III Plan, among others, is being gone into by a Study Team set up for the purpose. The report of this team is expected this month. Further action to ensure supply of power to collieries will be taken on receipt of this report.

Welfare of S.C. and S.T.

110. **Shri Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount was surrendered as unspent by the Kerala Government in 1959-60 and 1960-61 under the State and Centrally sponsored programmes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the amount, yearwise?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes.

(b)

Amount of Central grants not spent

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Category of Backward Classes	State Sector	Central Sector
1959-60	Scheduled Castes	1.71	4.06
	Scheduled Tribes	1.65	5.41
1960-61	Scheduled Castes	Nil	8.57
	Scheduled Tribes	1.81	1.41

Industrial Coke for Madras

111. **Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Industrial Coke required for the use of Madras State; and

(b) whether sufficient quantity is being allotted and transported to the State?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The monthly quota of hard coke for Madras State has been fixed at 119 wagons per month. The actual demand, however, exceeds this, as in the case of practically every other State. The quota has been fixed after taking into account both the availability of hard coke for various industries and the rail transport available for moving it.

(b) The despatches of hard coke to Madras State during the months of January, February and March, 1962 were 80, 57 and 98 wagons respectively.

Additional Universities in Madras

112. Shri Umanath: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madras Government have sent up proposals for starting additional Universities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). The Government of Madras had referred the proposal for the setting up of a University at Madurai to the University Grants Commission and the latter accepted the proposal in principle in October, 1960. The matter has been pending with the Government of Madras for a final decision. The Government of Madras have not since sent up any proposal for starting additional Universities in the State.

Regional Engineering College at Tiruchi

113. Shri Umanath: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) where the proposal to open a regional engineering college at Tiruchi in Madras State stands; and

(b) the amount allotted by the Central Government to Madras State in respect of the Scheme?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun

Kabir): (a) The Regional College has been sanctioned and detailed proposals for starting the institution are awaited from the State Government.

(b) No specific allotment has been made to the State but a total provision of Rs. 5 crores has been made in the Central Plan for all the new Regional Colleges.

"Doma Fund"

114. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fund known the "Defence Organisation Mutual Assistance Fund" was started in the Defence Headquarters in 1950;

(b) whether the said fund was closed down after some years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount contributed by the staff has been paid back to the employees who are still serving in the Defence Headquarters;

(d) whether it is a also a fact that the ex-employees of the Armed Forces Headquarters who are present serving in the Ministries/Departments of the Central Government, have not been paid back their contributions so far; and

(e) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to refund the amount to those persons?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramalah): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, Sir, in 1956.

(c) Refund of amounts as decided by the Governing body of the fund has been made to all the individuals who had subscribed to the fund upto the end of April 1956. As regards those who had discontinued their subscriptions earlier, some have been paid, and the remaining are yet to be paid.

(d) The position in respect of such of the subscribers as have been transferred to other Ministries/Offices is the same as stated in (c) above.