

(पंजाब) में सोना मिलने की संभावना होने की ग्राम धारणा फैली हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस बारे में कोई जांच-पड़ताल की जा रही है अथवा करने का विचार किया जा रहा है ?

ज्ञान और ईंधन मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री हजरतबीस) : (क) सरकार के पास ऐसी कोई सूचना नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Foreign Assistance for Coal Production

2179. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of **Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign assistance to the extent of Rs. 17 crores has been obtained by Government for the expansion of coal production; and

(b) if so, how this amount is being utilized and how far the assistance has been helpful to overcome the coal shortage?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The World Bank has offered a loan of 35 million dollars (about Rs. 17 crores) to the Government of India to meet the foreign exchange requirements of the private sector collieries during the III Plan. Of this amount 30 million dollars can be drawn upto 31st July, 1963 and the remaining 5 million dollars upto the 30th September, 1965.

(b) This amount is being utilised for the import of coal mining machinery, equipment, spares, etc. required for the setting up of new coal mines and expansion and maintenance of the existing collieries. So far, 4288 import licence applications valued at about Rs. 12.7 crores have been received. Out of these, licences have been issued for 1773 applications valued at about Rs. 2.9 crores. The remaining applications are under scrutiny. Actual draws from the loan

account will, however, start only after the machinery and equipment have been imported.

Bokaro Steel Project

**2180. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shrimati Jamunadevi:**

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

(a) the extent of the area to be covered by the Bokaro Project in the Districts of Dhanbad and Hazaribagh; and

(b) the number of persons who will have to vacate their lands and houses and the measures to be taken to rehabilitate them?

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

(a) About 62,000 acres, according to present estimates.

(b) Information regarding the number of people who will be displaced is not available. The Bihar Government, who will acquire the land for Bokaro Steel Project, will formulate a scheme for rehabilitation of displaced persons.

Confirmation of A.F.H.Q. Employees

2181. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 316 on 23rd November, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the question of conversion of 80 per cent temporary posts into permanent in Armed Forces Headquarters in supervisory, clerical and stenographers grades has since been finalised;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) when orders to this effect are likely to be issued?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghunathiah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.