

Geological Survey of Gurdaspur

250. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of **Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any geological survey of Gurdaspur District in Punjab State has been undertaken recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) and (b). No survey for minerals has recently been carried out by the Geological Survey of India in Gurdaspur district. However, as a result of the survey last carried out during 1951, occurrences of Limestone, Potassium and Sodium Salts have been recorded. The details of the survey carried out are as follows:

Limestone.—Boulders and pebbles of limestone occur in the bed of Chakki river which flows along the border of Gurdaspur and Kangra district south and east of Pathankot. These are suitable for lime burning.

Potassium and Sodium Salts (Kallar).—Small Kallar patches occurring near Magar Mudian Chhamba, Marar, Jaintipura, Sarai and Barsora were examined. The samples from these yielded satisfactory results.

Steel Plant at Mohindergarh

251. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
 { **Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 103 on the 23rd April, 1962 and state:

(a) whether Government have since sanctioned the setting up of a steel plant in the private sector at Mohindergarh in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the progress made in the setting up of the plant?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Government are considering two applications for starting a pig iron plant but not for a steel plant.

Manufacture of Field Telephone Cables

252. { **Shri G. K. Singha:**
 { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
 { **Shri Basumatari:**
 { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into an agreement with a Japanese firm to manufacture field telephone cables.

(b) if so, where this factory will be located; and

(c) whether the project machinery will be purchased or manufactured in India or brought from Japan?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Chandigarh.

(c) Only such machinery as cannot be made or procured in the country will be procured from Japan.

Government-owned Companies working at a Loss

253. **Shri Jashvant Mehta:** Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enquired into the loss sustained by Companies fully-owned by Government;

(b) what is the number of Government-owned Companies working at a loss during 1961-62;

(c) the reasons for their working at a loss; and

(d) the remedial action taken by Government to show profit?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) to (d). No specific enquiry has been held into the losses incurred during 1960-61, but these were mainly attributable to the initial teething troubles of new concerns. For the year 1961-62, the

annual Balance Sheet and are due to be finalised by September, 1962.

Shifting of National Academy of Administration

254. { **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:**
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1840 on the 23rd May, 1962 and state as to what difficulties are being faced by the National Academy of Administration at Mussoorie, and why Government are thinking in terms of shifting the Academy to some other place after incurring enormous expenditure in establishing this institution at Mussoorie in the first instance?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The main difficulty experienced by the Academy in Mussoorie is inadequacy of compact accommodation. The question of shifting the Academy from Mussoorie is still under careful consideration of the Government and no final decision has been reached.

Higher Secondary Students

255. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) how many students passed the Higher Secondary examination from Delhi Board in 1962; and

(b) how many got admission in the colleges in Delhi?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) 8,123.

(b) 4,411.

Gauhati-Barauni Pipe-line

256. **Shri Bishwanath Roy:** Will the Minister of **Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the progress in laying of the pipe-line from Gauhati to Barauni has been

hampered owing to shortage of cement?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): No, Sir.

Mid-Day Meals Scheme in Kerala

257. **Shri P. Kunhan:** Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 396 on the 1st May, 1962 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken for providing grant to the Kerala Government for implementation of the School Mid-day Meals scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) and (b). The matter is still under consideration.

Loan from Denmark

258. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Basumatari:
Shri B. K. Das:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3766 on the 21st June, 1962 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Denmark has since offered rupees one crore loan to set up various projects in India;

(b) if so, what are the projects proposed to be set up with this loan; and

(c) what are the terms of its repayment? ?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) to (c). Some preliminary discussions on the loan have taken place with the Government of Denmark and the matter is still under discussion.

Excise Duty on Plywood

259. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the