

(b) the amount spent by the Government of Assam out of the grants placed at its disposal;

(c) the items on which various amounts were spent; and

(d) the amount surrendered and the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) to (d). The information is being collected. A Statement will be laid on the Table of the House, when the information is received.

Denotified Areas in Panjab

1684. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been sanctioned for the uplift of denotified areas in the Punjab State during 1962-63; and

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) (a) and (b). There are no such areas anywhere in the country. The question of sanctioning any amount for the uplift of such areas in Punjab State does not, therefore, arise.

The following amounts have, however, been sanctioned to Punjab for taking up schemes for the welfare of denotified tribes during 1962-63:

Central Sector	Rs. 1.26 lakhs
State Sector	Rs. 0.29 lakhs
Total	Rs. 2.25 lakhs

Foreign Exchange Allotted to Singareni Collieries

1685. Shri R. N. Reddi: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of Rs. 145 lakhs foreign exchange asked

for by Singareni Collieries Company only a sum Rs. 14.26 lakhs has been allotted during 1961-62;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange required for 1962-63; and

(c) in view of the shortage of foreign exchange whether it is possible for the Company to achieve coal production target of 32 lakh tonnes for 1962-63?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Out of Rs. 145 lakhs of foreign exchange asked for by the Singareni Collieries Company Limited, a sum of Rs. 131.50 lakhs was allocated to the Company during 1961-62.

(b) The amount of foreign exchange required by the Company for the year 1962-63 as estimated by it is Rs. 242.15 lakhs against which foreign exchange amounting to Rs. 175.75 lakh for the half-year April-September 1962 has already been allocated.

(c) The Company has assured the Government that they would be able to fulfil its target of production of 32 lakh tonnes during 1962-63.

Singareni Collieries

1686. Shri R. N. Reddi: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the overall output per man shift during 1961 mentioned as 0.42 tonnes in 41st Annual Report of the Singareni Collieries Company is incorrect;

(b) if so, whether the error has since been rectified;

(c) what is the correct figure; and

(d) whether the productivity per worker at these mines is much more than the all India average?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The overall output per man shift for the year 1961 for the Singareni Collieries Company Limited was 0.42 tonnes and

has been correctly mentioned in its 41st Annual Report.

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

(d) The average all India O.M.S. during 1961 was about 0.48 tonnes.

Deep Shaft Mining in Singareni Collieries

1687. Shri R. N. Reddi: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the economics of the deep shaft mining which were under study by the Singareni Collieries Company has since been concluded;

(b) if so, the nature of decision arrived at; and

(c) whether the Planning Commission has since allotted Rs. 8 crores for mining million tonnes of coal by deep shaft mining?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). The economics of raising one million tons from deep shaft mining has yet to be examined. The Singareni Collieries Company have, however, been made an allocation of Rs. 20 crores in the Third Plan. This includes Rs. 8 crores, being the estimated cost of raising one million tons from deep shaft mines.

Diamond Mines in Andhra

1688. Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India propose to survey the old workings of diamond mines near Vajra Kanur area in the Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether the Department propose to conduct survey in other diamond bearing areas like Bangampalli in Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh and some other places in Mahboob Nagar District of Andhra Pradesh?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Geological Survey of India propose to undertake investigations of diamondiferous belts in Kurnool (Banganapalli in Kurnool district), Anantapur (Wajrakurur area), Mehboobnagar and Krishna districts during the Third Five Year Plan period.

Technical Personnel

1689. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of technical personnel from India are being employed by the Ethiopian Government; and

(b) if so, whether the Ethiopian Government have approached the Government of India for any fresh recruitment?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Government of India have lent the services of a few officers to the Ethiopian Government.

(b) No, Sir.

Welfare Officers

1690. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the duties and functions of Welfare Officers in various Ministries and offices of Central Government and details thereof;

(b) total annual expenditure on various Welfare Activities during last five years with year-wise and activity-wise break-up for the last three years;

(c) number of persons actually benefitting from different activities;

(d) whether any evaluation has been made of the benefits to Government servants accruing from the institution of Welfare Officers; and