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Production of Gold

- 1694. Shri R. S. Pandey: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:
- (a) the production of gold in Kolar Gold Mines since 1955 up-to-date; and
- (b) the estimated production of gold in these mines during the next five vears?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarii Desai): (a) The production of gold in the Kolar Gold mines during the period 1st January 1955 to 31st July, 1962 was 37.81 million grammes.

(b) It is estimated that, conditions remaining the same, the average annual production of gold for the next five years will be 4.2 million grammes.

Workers of Civil General Transport Companies

1695, Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the workers employed by the Civil General Transport Companies (Indep. Tpt. Pls.) as motor drivers. mechanics, cleaners, classified as civilians or army personmel:
- (b) if they are classified as army personnel whether they have been given the benefits to which Army personnel are entitled;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) if they are classified as Civiwhether they have been sanctioned the benefits which employees of the Central Government are entitled to; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) They are classified as civilian personnel.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.

- (d) They are given the benefits admissible to other civilians in the Defence Services. In addition, they are entitled to certain further concessions because of the nature of duties they perform.
 - (e) Does not arise.

Heavy Engineering Industries

1696. Shri Basumatari: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the output of the Heavy Engineering Industries will not be able to attain the Third Five Year Plan targets due to shortage of pig-iron, steel, coke and power:
- (b) if so, whether steps have been taken by Government to meet this shortage to fulfil the demands of the Engineering Industries in Heavy order that Government projects could be put into operation in time and properly;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) to (c). There is no reason for Government to anticipate at this stage any shortfall in the Third Five Year Plan target production of the Heavy Engineering Industries on account of shortage of pig-iron, steel, coke and Power. There exists, however an inevitable strain on the basic supplies and services in a developing economy and Government are aware of the difficulties arising from their shortage. Government are continuously watchful of the needs of the Heavy Engineering Industries and would make all efforts, within the overall availability of these supplies and services, to fulfil the Third Five Year Plan targets.

Garo Hills Coalfields

Will 1697. Sari Hem Barua: Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state: