

Mineral Wealth in Madhya Pradesh

1576. **Shrimati Vijaya Raje Scindia:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gwalior and Rewa divisions in Madhya Pradesh are rich in mineral wealth; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far for its survey and the result thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As a result of survey undertaken by the Geological Survey of India the following minerals have been recorded in Gwalior and Rewa divisions in Madhya Pradesh:

Barytes, bauxite, clays, coal, copper ore, fluorite, glass sands, gypsum, lead and silver, limestone, dolomite, iron ore, manganese ore, ochres, pyrophyllite, steatite, corundum, mica, sillimanite, marble, molybdenite and pyrite.

Handloom Finance Corporation

1577. **Shri M. G. Thengondar:** Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish a Handloom Finance Corporation for financing the handloom industry;

(b) if so, when it will be established; and

(c) the details thereof?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) No Sir.

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

Low and High Grade Coal

1578. **Shri R. Barua:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the output of low grade coal vis-a-vis the high grade coal has increased during these three years progressively;

(b) whether there is proper market for consumption of the low-grade coal and middling;

(c) if not, the steps being taken to make proper use of the surplus low-grade coal; and

(d) whether it is proposed to appoint an Expert Committee to go into the question of production, transport and marketing of coal and for suggesting ways for diversification of its use?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) A statement showing the trend of coal production during the years 1960-61, 1961-62 and 1962-68 is given below:

Grade	Production		
	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
	(in million tonnes)		
Higher	{		
	Sel. A&B	17.99	16.55
	Grade I	18.55	20.67
			14.95
			25.30
Lower	{		
	Gr. II	9.64	8.26
	Gr. III	5.47	5.57
	Others (including Singareni)	4.07	4.18
			7.29
			5.28
TOTAL		55.72	55.23
			63.83