

Bauxite Deposits in M.P.

850. **Shri E. S. Pandey:** Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large deposits of bauxite have been located in Bilaspur-Sarguja areas and Amarkantak tract of Shaheed district of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken for immediate utilization of these deposits?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have under consideration a scheme for the establishment of a 1,20,000 tonnes alumina-cum-30,000 tonnes per annum aluminium metal plant at Korba (Madhya Pradesh), in the public sector, based on the bauxite deposits in the Phutka Pahar and Amarkantak areas in the State. A part of the bauxite requirements of the Rihand Aluminium smelter in Uttar Pradesh which is being expanded from 20,000 to 60,000 tonnes per annum is proposed to be drawn from the Amarkantak deposits.

Flaming Colliery near Dhanbad

851. { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:
Shri Inder J. Malhotra:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that a large tract of Lakurka Colliery area near Katras Bazar (Dhanbad) is aflame since 1963; and

(b) the steps taken by the Central Government and the Government of Bihar to avert loss of valuable coal mines as had been going on in close neighbourhood in Joga and Jharia?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The occurrence of a fire in an old quarry

(No. 2) in the XIV seam at Lakurka colliery was reported to the Coal Board in June, 1963. The fire when first detected was not over a large tract and is still confined to areas depillared years ago.

(b) It is the duty of the collieries to fight any fire that might arise. The Coal Board, however, grants assistance chiefly to prevent the spread of fire. The Board takes up protective works departmentally only when the collieries fail to take them up efficiently or expeditiously or when the fire takes place in abandoned mines.

दिल्ली में भीनिवासपुरी और नेहरू नगर पर रेलवे स्टेशन

852. **श्री बाल्मीकी :** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को विदित है कि कुछ समय पहले नई दिल्ली में भोखला और हजरत निजामुद्दीन स्टेशन के बीच श्री-निवासपुरी और नेहरू नगर के पास कोई रेलवे स्टेशन विद्यमान था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसको बन्द करने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) क्या बढ़ती हुई जनसंख्या को देखते हुए सरकार इस स्टेशन को पुनः चालू करने का विचार कर रही है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाम नाथ): (क) 1926 से पहले भोखला और हजरत निजामुद्दीन स्टेशनों के बीच किलोकरी नाम का एक स्टेशन था ।

(ख) यातायात के अभाव में 1926 में यह स्टेशन बन्द कर दिया गया ।

(ग) इस स्थान पर एक नया स्टेशन खोलने के बारे में जांच की गयी थी, लेकिन पर्याप्त औचित्य के अभाव में नया स्टेशन