

## KOLAR GOLD MINES

4235. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Northern project of Mysore Mines (Bangarugunta) was started and what is its yield;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is very much closer to Nundydroog Mines; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not attaching it to Mysore Mines?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) The Bangarugunta project was started during 1963 and has so far yielded 33,374 gms. of gold.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This project is attached to the Mysore Mine on account of administrative convenience keeping in view the shrinkage in operation at the Mysore Mines, and the availability of men and material.

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(a) whether it is a fact that several officers including the Chief Personnel Officer of Kolar Gold Mines have accumulated huge wealth by illegal transactions in connection with the operations of mines;

(b) whether Government have investigated in the matter; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) No such case has come to the notice of the Government.

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

## भारत तथा पाकिस्तान के बीच तस्कर व्यापार

4237. श्री श्री० प्र० त्यागी: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि काश्मीर से बहुत बड़ी मात्रा में चासक चोरी छिपे पाकि-

स्तान ले जाया जा रहा है तथा उसके बदले वहां से सेंधा नमक लाया जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे रोकने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है?

उप-प्रधान मंत्री तथा वित्त मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई): (क) और (ख). जहां तक सरकार की जानकारी है, सेंधा नमक के बदले में काश्मीर से पाकिस्तान को चावल का कोई बड़े पैमाने पर तस्कर-निर्यात नहीं हो रहा है। सीमा पर तैनात सीमा-शुल्क अधिकारियों को सतर्क कर दिया गया है।

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4238. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the investment made on Yerragonda Mines and what is the output of the Mines;

(b) whether it is a fact that the same has been closed recently after huge investment;

(c) whether any proper survey was done before investment was made in that mine; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (d). The Yerragonda Project was taken up during 1963 on the basis of old assay values and surface trenching results by the Exploration Department of the Kolar Gold Mining Undertakings, which indicated a series of reef lines. An amount of approximately Rs 3 lakhs was invested in the project and the approximate output was 8,400 gms. of gold. (Some of the material issued for this project are recoverable).

However, the values encountered in the area were not encouraging and the returns were not commensurate with the expenditure incurred and the project was abandoned in September, 1967 on the recommendations of the Superintendent of the Mines and the advice of Consulting Engineers.