

(b) if so, whether Government propose to explore the deposit; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (DR. CHANNA REDDY):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). In all 14 boreholes totalling to a depth of 2,256.82 metres of drilling in the Alpha and Harewood Mines areas were completed and an area of 0.92 sq. km. was mapped by plane table on scale 1:1000 in addition to mapping of 0.52 sq. km. in the Harewood mine area since the commencement of investigation by the Geological Survey of India in 1963-64.

The average gold values, as indicated by assay of samples from the boreholes at the Alpha mines intersecting the Victoria and Skull reefs may be of the order of 1.9 gms. per tonne over a width of 1.5 m. and strike length of about 900 metres. The assay of the samples from the boreholes intersecting the Alpha Extension and the Alpha reef has given discouraging results.

The boreholes at the Harewood mines revealed the absence of gold mineralisation below the old workings.

The present investigation by the Geological Survey of India has revealed that the ores are low in grade containing less than 2 gm./tonne on the average and as such the prospects of working of gold economically from this area by underground mining may not be bright.

RAILWAY CONCESSIONS TO EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

5588. SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of educational associations granted facilities of railway concessions to their members and what is the criterion; and

(b) which of the educational associations have been refused such facilities and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) There are no educational associations enjoying the facility of rail concession as a standing arrangement. It is only for their annual conference that certain educational associations are granted a concession. During the past five years, concession has been granted to 12 such associations.

The Railways seek to restrict the concession to one main All-India body of social, cultural and educational importance in a particular sphere of activity, which has been having the concession in the past.

(b) There are a number of educational associations which applied for such concession during the past few years but were refused the concession. From records available, the names of such associations are as follows:—

Indian Federation of Pre-Primary Institutions.

All-India Pre-Primary Education Conference.

International Council of the Aryasamaj Educational Institutions.

All-India Association of Colleges of Physical Education.

All-India Federation of University & College Teachers' Organizations.

National Convention of Students and Youth convened by Hind Vidyarthi Yuvaka Sammelan.

Young Lecturers.

The reason for not agreeing to the request for railway concession facilities to these associations is the necessity of controlling the area of concession in the light of the fact that the number of such associations is growing while the railways' capacity to absorb the burden of these concessions continues to remain limited.

4 डाउन आसाम मेलका दुर्घटनाप्रस्त होना

5589. श्री ओंकार लाल बेरबा : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 2 दिसम्बर, 1967 के समाचार के अनुसार बरौनी को आने वाली 4 डाउन आसाम मेल की दुर्घटना हो गई थी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो दुर्घटना के क्या कारण थे ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री चं० मु० पुनाचा) : (क) सम्भवतः माननीय सदस्य का आशय उस दुर्घटना से है जिसमें 4 डाउन