

(iii) the trend of discussions held by officials of the Indian Embassy in Washington with officials of the US EXIM Bank during the intervening period had held out hopes of the foreign exchange requirement being met from US sources; and

(iv) it was only towards the middle of 1967 that it became clear that US EXIM loan was not likely to be available for this project.

Officers and Jawans of Indian Armed Forces of District Bhillwara killed in 1971

8992. SHRI HAMENDRA SINGH BANERA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many Officers and Jawans of the Indian Armed Forces were killed during the 1971 Indo-Pak war who were from District Bhillwara in Rajasthan with their names; and

(b) what kind of relief has been given to their families with particulars of each family?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (Shri J. B. PATNAIK): (a) and (b). A statement showing the requisite details is attached.

Geological Surveys of India in Banera, District Bhillwara, Rajasthan

8993. SHRI HAMENDRA SINGH BANERA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Geological Survey of India are working in Banera, District Bhillwara in Rajasthan;

(b) the report of this area if submitted by the Geological Survey of India; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to start the project with its broad lines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA) : (a) Preliminary drilling carried out by the Geological Survey of India in Banera area had indicated copper mineralisation in the hill adjacent to Banera and near Manpura village. An ore shoot intersected in the former area is about 2m. in width containing 0.59 to 1.72 per cent copper; while the one intersected in Manpura contains 1 per cent to 2 per cent copper. The strike extension, depth and width of the mineralised zones are being explored. The stage for reserve estimation is not yet reached.

Airborne Mineral Surveys & Exploration a wing of Geological Survey of India now, have also carried out detailed investigation for copper, as a follow up of aerial surveys, in an area about 4 kms. from Banera. So far, 25 drill-holes have been completed aggregating a total drilling of 4490.33 metres. The drilling investigations, carried out so far, have confirmed the presence of a copper mineralised zone of 9 metre thickness over a strike length of 600 metres with assay value ranging from 0.8 to 1.2 per cent copper. Tentatively, the reserves have been estimated at 4 million tonnes of ore.

(b) The work is still in progress.

(c) Does not arise.

Procedure of Granting Mining Concessions.

8994. SHRI HAMENDRA SINGH BANERA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the procedure and time involved in finalising the grant of mining concession to an individual from the day of the application?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): Application for grant of mining concession is made to the State Government in accordance with the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.

These rules, *inter alia*, lay down that an application for grant of a prospecting licence or mining lease should be disposed.