

Kumarganj and research stations at Masodha and Kotwa (Eastern Plain Zone). The Crop Research Station at Ghoghraghat is being strengthened at an outlay of Rs. 52.73 lakhs. Strengthening of other research stations will be taken up in the course of time.

#### Mines having small mineral deposits

2989. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be please to state :

(a) whether there are a large number of small mines having small mineral deposits in the country;

(b) if so, their number Statewise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to exploit these mines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise break up of small mines of non-fuel minerals, atomic minerals and non-minor minerals is as follows : Andhra Pradesh 313, Bihar 224, Gujarat 447, Haryana 8, Himachal Pradesh 18, Jammu and Kashmir 3, Karnataka 223, Kerala 28, Madhya Pradesh 322, Maharashtra 82, Manipur 2, Orissa 112, Rajasthan 815, Tamil Nadu 120, Uttar Pradesh 108, West Bengal 18, Delhi 3, and Goa 116.

(c) The Government have constituted a Committee to report on the question of exploitation of small deposits

#### Mineral deposits in Malappuram District, Kerala

2990. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any information/report regarding existence of various mineral deposits in Malappuram district in Kerala State;

(b) whether Government intend to conduct any survey/study to ascertain the mineral potential of this area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) to (c). Geological Survey of India is already engaged in exploration of minerals in Malappuram district of Kerala. As a result of these surveys, the following 3 minerals have been found in Malappuram District :

1. Primary gold in Aruvikkod Mala, Veetukuttumala, Kappil and Maruda in Nilambur area.

2. Place gold in Nilambur Valley with possible reserves of 8.5 million cubic metres of gravels with about 69,590 ounces of gold.

3. Iron ore in Korattimala with a reserve of 1.89 million tonnes of Oxidised ore and 2.52 million tonnes of unoxidised ore.

4. Sedimentary clay in Ponnani-Chamanur area with a reserve of 60 million tonnes.

Detailed investigation work for gold is being continued by Kerala Mineral Exploration Project.

#### Displaced persons given employment in Bokaro Steel Plant

2991. SHRI SIMON TIGGA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of employees in the Bokaro Steel Limited;

(b) the number of displaced persons who have been given employment in Bokaro Steel Limited; and

(c) the number of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Ex-servicemen and Handicapped employees among the displaced persons ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Total number of regular employees in Bokaro Steel Plant as on 28.2.1986 was 51527.

(b) Number of displaced persons in employment in Bokaro Steel Plant as on 28.2.1986 was 14473.

(c) The Plant does not readily have information about how many of the displaced persons are Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, ex-servicemen or handicapped but as on 31.12.1985, the number of such categories among the total employees of Bokaro were :

Scheduled Castes	...	6479
Scheduled Tribes	...	5427
Ex-servicemen	...	2038
Physically handicapped	...	158

**Allotment of flats under HUDCO Scheme 1979**

2992. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the latest draw conducted by Delhi Development Authority for allotment of flats under HUDCO pattern Scheme 1979;

(b) the category-wise details of allotment thereof; and

(c) by when the next draw is likely to be conducted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b). The last draw for allotment of specific flat numbers for 3689 flats under New Pattern Scheme '79 was held in May-June, 1985.

Category-wise details are as under :

Date of draw	Category	No. of flats allotted
30.5.85	Janta	723
12.6.85	LIG	987
19.6.85	MIG	1979
Total		3680

(c) The next draw is likely to be held towards the end of March, 1986.

**R & D on diseases Affecting coconut trees in Kerala**

2993. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent on research and development on fatal diseases which had affected coconut trees in Kerala. during Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) the results achieved; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent during the Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The information is being collected from different sources and will be placed on the table of the House in due course.

(b) (i) Consistent association of mycoplasma like organisms (MLOs) has been established in root (wilt) affected palms. MLOs were successfully transmitted through dodder from diseased palms to periwinkles and from infected periwinkles to healthy periwinkles. MLOs were observed in the salivary and brain tissues of lace wing fly, an insect associated with coconut.

(ii) Using a sero-diagnostic and physiological tests, it is possible to detect the disease 3-9 months before the expression of visual symptoms.

(iii) Eradication of diseased palms in border areas and localities of sporadic incidence has shown that it is possible to greatly reduce the incidence of the disease from the mildly affected belts.

(iv) The productivity of disease affected areas can be increased by balanced manuring with NPK and Magnesium recycling of organic matter,