

(c) whether their colonies be provided with street lights and approach roads?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK) :

(a) There is a continuous phased programme of replacing tatty huts. Bharat Gold Mines Limited propose to replace 979 tatty huts during the current financial year out of which 297 huts have been replaced upto July 19, 1977.

(b) Drinking water for the worker's colonies of BGML is supplied by Bethamagala Water Works run by Karnataka Water Supply and Drainage Board, ten miles away from Kolar Gold Fields. There has been difficulty owing to insufficient storage caused by successive drought conditions in the last two years. Efforts are being made by BGML to meet the requirements of the Workers' Colony by augmenting the existing water supply with the help of bore wells. The situation is likely to improve shortly with the advent of current monsoon. The sanitation of the colonies is linked to the question of water supply and is receiving attention of the BGML.

(c) Yes, Sir. 1221 street lights and 55 kilo meters of approach roads have been provided to the workers' colonies

by BGML. Street lighting is being improved by replacing incandescent lamps by flourescent tubes. Approach roads are also being improved in a phased programme.

Strength of Workers and Officers of Bharat Gold Mines

6274. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:
SHRI B. RACHAIAH :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the strength of the workers and officers of the Bharat Gold Mines (both casual and regular), Kolar Gold Fields, in the years 1975, 1976 and 1977;

(b) the output of Gold in the Gold Mines at Kolar Gold Fields during the years 1975, 1976 and 1977; and

(c) what was the Bonus paid during 1974 to 1976?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK) :

(a) The strength of workers and officers (both casual and regular) in Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., in 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77, is indicated below :

	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
(i) Workers	12,123	11,620	11,436
(ii) Officers	137	179	222
(iii) Casual Workers (engaged on average each day)	350	502	501

(b) The production in Bharat Gold Mines Limited during the years 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77 was 18 lakh grammes, 17.48 lakh grammes and 22.04 lakh grammes respectively.

(c) An amount of Rs. 19.09 lakhs was paid to the workers of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., on account of Bonus (*Ex-gratia*) during the year 1974-75. No Bonus was paid to the workers during the years 1975-76 and 1976-77.