

dicine and Homoeopathy has conducted studies to assess the potential of 'Shatavari' (*Asparagus racemosus*) on Ayurvedic Drug in this regard. The results of the study are encouraging, but no Milk Pill as such has been prepared as yet.

(b) and (c). The question does not arise.

Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme for Coal Miners

2138. **SHRI A. K. ROY**: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme for coal miners has been introduced in all collieries;

(b) if so, the number of coal miners who have actually joined this scheme; and

(c) the reasons for the rest of the workers not yet joining this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. RAM KRIPAL SINHA): (a) to (c). The Coal Mines Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme applies to the employees as are covered by the Coal Mines Provident Fund Scheme from 1st August, 1976. The number of members of the Coal Mines Provident Fund Scheme as on 31-8-77 is 6.67 lakhs. However, about 12,000 employees of the erstwhile National Coal Development Corporation by virtue of their exclusion from the C. M. P. F. scheme are not covered by the Coal Mines Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme. The Deptt. of Coal have intimated that the scheme may be extended to these employees too. Necessary action is being taken in the matter.

Recognition of Postal Accounts Employees Union in Kerala

2139. **SHRI VAYALAR RAVI**: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation regarding

the recognition and working facilities of the Postal Accounts Employees Union, Kerala Circle, Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and actions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHEDEO SAI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Recognition is granted according to merits of the case, to the formation of an All India Union or Association of the P. & T. Branches are formed at lower levels and are treated as automatically recognised. Therefore separate recognition of the Postal Accounts Employees Union of Kerala Circle alone could not be granted.

After the take over of Postal Accounts from Audit w.e.f. 1-4-76 the recognised Association of the Audit department was also bifurcated and the All India Postal Accounts Employees Association was formed to represent the Postal Accounts staff transferred to P. & T. The Association has branches in all Circles including Kerala. The concerned employees are therefore now free to become, perhaps have become members of the recognised Association.

Take Over of Manganese Ore India Ltd.

2140. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA**: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Manganese Ore India Limited a Joint Sector Undertaking has been taken over by the Government of India;

(b) if so, the total assets of the Undertaking; and

(c) the amount to be paid by Government, in the form of compensation and also the distribution of shares between the new shareholders of the said undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) and (c).