

(7) Conduct of Safety weeks as an aid to sustain the spirit of Safety consciousness among workers

(8) Training of freshly appointed Asst Managers of the Coal Companies at DGMS

(9) Organising one-week courses of mines safety for senior managerial personnel of BCCL and CCFL in September, November, 1977

Undefined Status of People of Indian Origin in Burma

1515 SHRI SHANKERSINGHI VAGHELA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether there have been any talks with the Government of Burma regarding undefined status of a large number of people of Indian origin in Burma and

(b) if so, the outcome of these talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S KUNDU) (a) and (b) There have not been any formal talks with Burma on the status of the people of Indian origin residing in Burma who are not registered as Burmese or Indian citizens. However on a number of occasions the questions has been discussed by the leaders of the two countries. Many persons of Indian origin are *de facto* Burmese citizens under the constitution and citizenship laws of Burma though in many cases they might not have yet acquired the Union Citizenship Certificates

National Mineral Development Corporation

1516 SHRI C K CHANDRAPAN Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finalised a plan to cut down the size and role of National Mineral Development Corporation, and

(b) if so its details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA)

(a) and (b) Under the proposed restructuring of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) presently a subsidiary of SAIL will become an independent entity. The shares presently held by SAIL in the Joint-Sector Company—Mandovi Pellets Ltd are proposed to be transferred to NMDC. The existing Kiriburu iron ore mine and the Meghahatuburu iron ore project presently under the control of NMDC will be transferred to Bokaro Steel Plant since the entire production from these mines is earmarked for Bokaro. All the other steel plants already have captive iron ore mines. The intention of this is to ensure that NMDC can concentrate exclusively on export-oriented ore projects including processing plants such as iron ore pellets. NMDC would also expand in the field of Mines consultancy

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1517 श्री लखन लाल कपुर

क्या संसार मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या बिहार के पूणिया नगर-पालिका के अन्तर्गत पूणिया शहर गलाव बाम मे अलग-अलग टेलीफोन केन्द्र है तथा इन दोनों टेलीफोन केन्द्रों में 800 टेलीफोन लाइन हैं

(ख) क्या एक स्थान पर 600 से अधिक लाइन होने पर स्वचालित