

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Vanadium is imported from U.S.A., Canada, Japan etc. in the form of vanadium chromium alloy and ferro-vanadium containing about 60% vanadium.

Manganese Ore beneficiation

2534. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme in hand for improving the metal content of our manganese ore by beneficiation, before export; and

(b) if so, whether any target for such beneficiation has been fixed so far?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). No programme has yet been drawn up but the Beneficiation of Low Grade Ores Committee appointed by the Mineral Advisory Board has recently submitted its report which is to be considered by the Board at its next meeting in May. Action will be taken by Government on the Board's recommendations when received.

Income-Tax Arrears in Marthwada Region

2535. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the number of assesses in the Marthwada region of Bombay from whom income-tax could not be realised during 1956-57?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): The number of assesses from whom income tax fell due during the financial year 1956-57 and which could not be fully recovered during that year is 1397.

Tours of Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

2536. Shri Siddiah: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Sched-

uled Tribes visited Mysore State during the last 3 years; and

(b) the places in the State which he visited?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) Once.

(b) Bangalore and Mysore.

Kolar Gold Mines

2537. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Sabodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state the profit made in the working of Kolar Gold Mines during 1957-58?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): Rs. 20-96 lakhs approximately.

Janta Policies

2538. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri Anirudh Sinha:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number and value of Janta Policies of the Life Insurance Corporation of India that were issued during 1957-58; and

(b) the steps that are being taken to step up their number?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) The total number and value of Janta policies issued by the Corporation from 28th May, 1957 to 17th March, 1958 are 24,411 and Rs. 1,39,21,551.00 respectively.

(b) The question of extension of the Janta Scheme on a countrywide basis will be considered by the Corporation after evaluating experience and data gained from the working of the project in the various centres in different zones.