

Wellman Smith Owen Engineering Corpn., Ltd.,

Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd.,

British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd.,

English Electric Co. Ltd.,

General Electric Co. Ltd.,

Joseph Parks & Son Ltd.,

Dorman Long (Bridge and Engineering) Ltd.,

The Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Co. Ltd.,

Sir William Arrol & Co. Ltd.

Activities of Foreign Missionaries

2640. { Shri Jadhav:
Shri P. C. Boseah:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain foreign missionaries in the arcas adjoining Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim and Assam are creating anti-Indian feelings amongst the people there; and

(b) if so, what action the Government of India propose to take against such hostile propaganda?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) and (b). Government have not received any report to this effect. Inquiry is however being made and if necessary, the information collected will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Kerala

2641. **Shri I. Eacharan:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reports have been received during 1958 on the working of welfare schemes of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Kerala from the Assistant Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon? annexure No. 68).

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Aiva): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Copies of the relevant portions of these reports have been forwarded to the State Government for appropriate action and comments.

Cost of Steel Re-rolling Mills.

2642. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of steel re-rolling mills has increased from 48 to 72 crores; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such an increase?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The increase in the revised estimate over the Project report estimate is due to:

(i) cost of additional equipment ordered;

(ii) change in designs made; and

(iii) increases in wage levels, ocean freight, inland transport, erection charges and provision for additional spares.

Ramappa Devalayam of Warangal

2643. **Shrimati Laxmi Bai:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the historic, cultural and scientific importance of Ramappa Devalayam of Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the present condition of the temple; and

(c) the steps taken for its preservation?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 68].

(b) The temple is in a good state of preservation.

(c) The temple is preserved by carrying out annual as well as special repairs as and when necessary and by providing necessary Watch and Ward Staff.

Chinese Nationals

2644. Shri Jadhav: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Chinese are infiltrating into the border area of Assam; and

(b) the number of Chinese Nationals or citizens of Chinese origin in the city of Calcutta in the year 1950 and their number at present?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) No.

(b) The number of Chinese Nationals registered in the city of Calcutta in the year 1950 was 4580, and their number at present is 5734.

Drilling Operation at Jawalamukhi.

2645. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the drilling operations in Jawalamukhi have been stopped again; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). Drilling operations at Jawalamukhi Well No. 1 were interrupted on 19-6-1958 after reaching a depth of 1944.7 metres. This was due to the fact that the casing string was fractured at 1840 metres and the bottom 12 metres portion was separated at this depth, leaving a gap of about 6 metres between the broken and the intact portions of the casing pipe. Steps were then taken to sidetrack or strike down the broken pipe. As a result of these operations, attempts to deviate the hole from 1840 metres have succeeded and drilling operations

have since been resumed at Jawalamukhi.

U.P.S.C. Centres

2646. Shri Ganapathy: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of centres set up by the Union Public Service Commission in the country for holding examinations in 1957-58; and

(b) the States where they were set up?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) and (b). A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 69.]

Durgapur Steel Plant

2647. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Durgapur Steel Plant Project Authorities have not agreed to follow the advice of the Fuel Research Institute, Dhanbad in the matter of utilisation of metallurgical coal available in the locality for their blast furnace and coke oven stoves;

(b) whether it is a fact that following such advice would result in substantial savings in recurring expenses; and

(c) whether Government has examined the matter?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The Hindustan Steel Private Ltd. consults the Research Institute, the Coal Controller and the Consulting Engineers in such matters. All these have generally agreed with the selection of the sources of supply of coals for the Durgapur Steel Plant.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.