

impairing efficiency. The establishment of an additional office during the current financial year is under consideration.

A proposal to expand the existing sheltered workshop for the blind at Dehru Dun (which has only 10 blind workers) to provide employment opportunities for 25 workers, is under consideration

Committee on Rural Education

776. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing the recommendations of the Committee on Rural Education which have been implemented by the Central Government and those which have been left over for the States for implementation?

The Minister of Education (Dr K. L. Shrimall): A statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix II, annexure No 35]

रांची में खनिज

७७७ डा० राम सुभग सिंह : क्या इस्पात, खान और इंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रांची (बिहार) से उत्तर पश्चिम की ओर १२ मील की दूरी पर स्थित पिचरिया ग्राम के निकट पहाड़ी प्रदेश में कुछ मूल्यवान खनिज प्राप्त हुए हैं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इन खनिजों की जांच की गई है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कौन कौन से खनिज पाये गये हैं और किस किस मात्रा में ?

खान और तेल मंत्रा (भा० के० दे०) मासुबीय (क) भारतीय यूगर्मीय सर्वेक्षण विभाग को रांची (बिहार) से उत्तर की ओर स्थित पिचरिया ग्राम के निकट पहाड़ी प्रदेश में कोई मूल्यवान खनिज प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है ।

Geophysical Exploration in Punjab

772. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the geophysical exploration work carried out in the Punjab plans during 1957-58 has yielded any result, and

(b) if so, whether that work is being continued?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir. The work has been useful in giving an idea of sub-surface structural conditions prevailing in the area

(b) Yes, Sir

Administrative Set-up of Tripura Secretariat

779 Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1416 on the 5th March, 1959 and state what administrative changes are proposed to be made in order to re-organise the administrative set-up of Tripura Secretariat?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G B Pant): A final decision on the re-organisation of the administrative set-up in Himachal Pradesh has not yet been taken. The question of similar re-organisation in Tripura will be taken up after the Himachal Pradesh proposals have been finalised.

Wages of Teachers in Tripura

780. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state

(a) whether the teachers of the Secondary Government Schools in Tripura are getting wages at a pay-scale which is lower than that of West Bengal and Assam, and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

The Minister of Education (Dr K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, the scales in case of some categories of teachers of the Secondary Schools in Tripura