

sometimes even four years to prove the quantity of oil discovered in an oil field. In the meantime, we took the opportunity of negotiating with the Assam Oil Company as to how best to exploit this oil. There was no delay caused by any party.

Orissa Mining Corporation

*704. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3365, on the 21st April, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the Orissa Mining Corporation has examined the various ore deposits in various parts of Orissa; and

(b) whether the Corporation has been able to ascertain the possibilities of their development in the public sector?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha): (a) Some areas in Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Kalahandi, Sundergarh and Mayurbhanj Districts in Orissa have been prospected by the Orissa Mining Corporation

(b) The Corporation has been able to locate some suitable areas for exploitation and applications for grant of concessions over them have been made to the Government of Orissa

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether the Orissa Mining Corporation has applied for any lease in the Sukinda iron ore mining area in Orissa? Besides the Orissa Mining Corporation, may I know whether any other application for lease is pending with the Government?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Certain areas are mentioned in my note and I can mention all those five areas. I do not know whether Sukinda is there or not. The five areas are Dubna, Siddhamath, Tomka, Baitranda and Ekdalpahar.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Manufacture of 'Pushpak'

*678. { Shri Rajendra Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1959 on the 21st April, 1959 and state:

(a) whether trials have been completed for the manufacture of the two seater light aircraft 'Pushpak';

(b) whether the issue of type certificates has been finally decided; and

(c) whether Government have explored foreign markets for the aircraft?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes; the 'Pushpak' MK I has been awarded a type certificate

(c) The aircraft has been developed by the Hindustan Aircraft Ltd. It is for them to explore markets for the aircraft.

Steel Production

*679. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) how far the targets of steel production for the Second Five Year Plan period in the public and private sectors have been achieved so far, separately; and

(b) whether any shortfall in the target of production is anticipated?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) A major part of the expansion programmes of the steel works in the private sector, at Jamshedpur and Burnpur, has been completed. The expansion in all respects is likely to be completed before the end of 1959. The first iron producing units at Rourkela and Bhilai have been commissioned. Production of steel ingots at Rourkela has also started.