149 on the 16th November, 1960 and state:

- (a) whether the Committee appointed to study the problem of utilisation of iron ore fines has submitted its report; and
- (b) if so, the recommendations made therein?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Tanks

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri Osman Ali Khan:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
*124.
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri M. R. Krishna:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri P. G. Deb:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high level Indian delegation recently visited West Germany and the United Kingdom and held discussions there with manufacturers in connection with a proposal to set up plants for manufacturing heavy and medium size tanks in India; and
- (b) if so, the results achieved by the delegation?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Yes, Sir. A delegation of officers representing Army Headquarters, Ministry of Defence and Finance (Defence) visited West Germany among other countries in December-January.

(b) The delegation submitted—its report on 2nd February, 1961 setting out the financial and technical implications of the several preposals which they examined. The report is under consideration of the Government.

Arms Rules

| Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: *125. | Shri Bhakt Darshan: | Shri Pangarkar: | Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 753 on the 7th December, 1960 regarding Arms Rules and state:

- (a) whether the replies from the States of Gujarat and Madras have been received;
- (b) how far the work of drafting the Arms Rules has progressed; and
- (c) by what time it is expected to be completed?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) A reply has since been received from the Government of Madras.

(b) and (c) The rules are being drafted and will be finalised as soon as possible.

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श्री भक्त दर्शन :
श्री नवल प्रभाकर :
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श्री दी० चं० शर्मा :
श्री रामेश्वर टांटिया :
श्री राम कृष्ण गुप्त :
श्री नज़जीत गुप्त :
श्री नारायणन् कुट्टि मेनन :
श्री तंगमणि :
श्री मुहम्मद इलियास :

क्या गृह कार्य मन्त्री १६ नवम्बर, १६६० के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या १०४ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों के लिय द्धिटले कोंसिल्स की स्थापना सम्बन्धी सुझाव के बारे में क्या प्रगति हुई है ? गृह-कार्यं मंत्री (श्री गो० ब० पन्त): एक योजना तैयार कर ली गई है। श्राशा है कि सन्तिम निर्णय शीध ही किया जायेगा।

Sui Gas

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Shri D. C. Sharma; Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Shri Kodiyan: Shri Kjit Singh Sarhadi: Shri Dhanagar;

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any further negotiations for obtaining Sui Gas from Pakistan have been held; and
 - (b) if so, with what results?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Home Guards

Shri A. K. Gopalan; Shri M. K. Kumaran; *128. Shri Warior: Shri Kodiyan: Shri Punnoose:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to set up a high level body to find out ways and means to bring uniformity in the organisation and functioning of the Home Guards in all the States; and
- (b) if so, the details of the programme, if any?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) and (b). On the recommendation of the Inter-State Conference on Home Guards held in May, 1960, a Home Guards Advisory Committee has been constituted to co-ordinate the activities of Home Guards Organisations in the various

States/Administrations and to evolve, as far as possible, uniformity in the pattern of working of such organisations. The Committee consists of the nominees of State Governments/Administrations and a representative of the Central Government. Its first meeting was held in Bombay on the 17th, 18th and 19th December, 1960, and further meetings will be held from time to time to consider and make recommendations on the questions concerning the organisation, training, administration and other aspects of the Home Guards Organisations.

Bokaro and Raniganj Coalfields

*129. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 95 on the 16th November, 1960 and state;

- (a) the progress made in prospecting and mining first grade coal in Bokaro and Raniganj coalfields;
- (b) the results of the qualitative tests of these deposits;
- (c) the results of the quantitative analysis carried out, if any; and
- (d) the arrangements made for mining the coal in these coalfields?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (d). A statement containing the information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure 20].

Successor to Nawab of Bhopal

139. Shri Yadav Narayan Jadav:
Shri Birendra Bahadur Singhji.

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the privy purse to be paid to the succes-