

(b) The question of exploitation of borax deposits of Ladakh is under the consideration of Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

#### Mysore Iron and Steel Works

\*1586. Shri Osman Ali Khan: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up a new public Corporation to take over the Mysore Iron and Steel Works; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The State Government which owns the Mysore Iron & Steel Works was advised to run the steel works as a Corporation or a Company. The State Government has accepted this advice.

(b) It is understood that a Company will be formed shortly.

#### Steel Plant in Madras

\*1590. Shri Elayaperumal: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madras Government have submitted any scheme for mineral development and setting up of a steel plant in South Arcot District during the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). The Government of Madras have submitted a proposal for assistance in a scheme of investigation on mineral deposits and ground water resources in Madras State. This is under consideration.

A pig iron plant using the lignite of Neyveli is included in the draft outline of the Third Five Year Plan. Preliminary investigations are going on with a view to determine the suitability of the raw materials for

the economic manufacture of pig iron.

#### Intrusion by Portuguese Armed Forces into Indian Territory

\*1592. { Shri Agadi:  
Shri Sugandhi:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was intrusion into Indian territory by the Portuguese armed forces in the recent months; and

(b) if so, the details of the violations and the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### संघ राज्य-क्षेत्रों में साक्षरता

\*१५९६. श्री प्रकाश वीर शारत्री : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या संघ राज्य-क्षेत्रों में साक्षरता बढ़ाने के लिये तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत कोई योजनाएँ बनाई गई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उनकी रूपरेखा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या शिक्षा की दृष्टि से पिछड़े हुए संघ राज्य-क्षेत्रों को प्राथमिकता देने के लिये तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत कोई योजना बनाई गई है ; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो उनकी रूपरेखा क्या है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० का० ला० प्रीतमाली) :

(क) से (घ). मांगी हुई सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और एक विवरण यथा समय सभा-पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।