

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). Foreign exchange allocations are made on a six monthly basis. During the current half year, April to September 1961, Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. have been allocated Rs. 55.50 lakhs in foreign exchange.

Ankleshwar Oilfield

347. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Chuni Lal:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Short Notice Question No. 12 on the 1st April, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have received inquiry report regarding the crash of work-over rig due to failure of hydraulic Jack in Ankleshwar area; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The enquiry committee has come to the conclusion that the accident occurred due to some structural failure and not due to any negligence or mis-handling on the part of the operators of the Rig. The committee is also of the opinion that the mast of the Rig is capable of being repaired, but the hydraulic jack would need major repairs in the proper workshop.

Promotion of Class II and III Officers to Class I

348. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Chuni Lal:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1341 on the 5th April, 1961 and state at what stage is the scheme for holding a special examination with a view to give an additional opportunity to young officers in

Class II and III grades for promotion to Class I grade?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The State Governments have been consulted regarding recruitment to the I.A.S. through a special competitive examination limited to class II officers of the Central and State services. The extension of the scheme to Central services is to be considered in the light of experience gained with the special method of recruitment to the I.A.S.

700-litre bucket wheel Excavator

349. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Chuni Lal:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1349 on the 5th April, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the trial working of the second 700-litre bucket wheel excavator has been started; and

(b) if so, its performance?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes; this machine was commissioned for trial runs on the 7th April, 1961.

(b) Two test runs conducted on the 6th and the 11th May, 1961, showed an overall rate of excavation of 2,637 cubic yards per hour and 2,557 cubic yards per hour respectively, against the rate of 2,400 cubic yards per hour mentioned in the specifications. The Neyveli Lignite Corporation took over the machine on the 15th May, 1961, after testing the excavator for sustained output over a period of time. Since then, the machine has been working satisfactorily.

Ex-Servicemen in Industries

350. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Chuni Lal:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to