

Gypsum

1490. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of Gypsum raised in 1960;

(b) whether the total deposits in the country have been assessed; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to beneficiate before transporting to consuming centres?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The total quantity of gypsum raised in the country during 1960 was 9,97,443 tonnes.

(b) No, Sir. Only a general assessment of some of the known occurrences has been done.

(c) Some of the concerns are already dressing the ore prior to consumption.

L.I.C. Investment in East African Tea Companies

1491. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1658 on the 21st April, 1961 and state:

(a) the amount invested by the Life Insurance Corporation in East African tea companies;

(b) the number of such companies;

(c) their share-capital and reserves; and

(d) consideration in favour of such investment?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Nil.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Export of Coal

1492. { **Shri Kunhan:**
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri Pangarkar:

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

(a) the quantity of Coal exported during 1960 and the countries to which exported;

(b) the quantity exported from 1st January to 30 June, 1961; and

(c) what are the main reasons for the fall, if any, in exports during the period mentioned in part (b)?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 70].

(c) The demand in foreign countries is mainly for superior grades of coal, particularly metallurgical coal. The export of metallurgical coal has been completely stopped in view of the increasing requirements of metallurgical industries in the country. As regards non-metallurgical coal, exports are allowed only to the traditional markets taking into account the internal requirements of superior grades of such coal.

Special Tribal Blocks

1493. { **Shri Hem Raj:**
Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 840 on the 2nd March, 1961 and state:

(a) the decision, if any, taken for the establishment of 450 Special Blocks for the development of tribal areas; and

(b) their allocation, State-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) It has been decided to start about 300 Tribal