

Geological Survey of Maharashtra

1576. **Shri Pangarkar**. Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government have approached the Central Government with the request of undertaking a geological survey of Parbani and Nander districts; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). A request was received by the Geological Survey of India from the Government of Maharashtra in August, 1961, to undertake the survey of rocky areas of Parbani and Nander districts for assessing the underground water resources for irrigation and domestic supply. For further examination of the proposal, the Geological Survey of India have asked for some more detailed information from the State Government.

Pig-iron Plant in Nagpur Region

1577. **Shri Pangarkar**: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra have submitted a proposal to the Central Government for mineral development and a pig iron plant in Nagpur region; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Loan by Film Finance Corporation

1578. **Shri P. G. Deb**: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Film Finance Corporation has received applications from film producers for loans; and

(b) if so, how much loan has been sanctioned in each case?

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The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Yes. Upto the 31st October, 1961, the Corporation received 23 applications for loan from film producers.

(b) As on that date a sum of Rs. 3.5 lacs each in three cases, Rs. 5 lacs and Rs. 2.5 lacs respectively in two other cases have been sanctioned by the Corporation.

Geological Survey of Siwalik Belt

1579. **Shri P. G. Deb**: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether any results have been obtained by Geological Survey of Siwalik Belt; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

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

(b) After 1948 detailed geological survey has been carried out in some parts of the Siwalik belt in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Anticlinal structures with oil possibilities have been delineated at Jawalamukhi, Changartillai, Janauri and Mohand. A gas seepage was located at Jhor in the Jawalamukhi area along the Jawalamukhi thrust.

In Jammu and Kashmir a major anticlinal structure has been delineated in the Siwaliks near Suruinsar-Barigarh area which has gas seepage in its crestal parts.

During 1958-59, at Uttarbaini-Paermandal a bentonite layer 2.54 cms. thick was recorded in the basal part of the lower Siwalik formation and was traced for 25 kilometres. The reserves were estimated at 7100 tonnes.

Sculptures in Public Parks in Delhi

1580. **Shri P. G. Deb**: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to install sculptures in public parks in Delhi; and