

hours in the case of those employed below-ground in mines).

(b) No such proposal is under consideration, at present.

Stoppage of Mineral Concessions in Goa

3672. SHRI ERASMO DE SEQUEIRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has issued an order to stop certain mineral concessions that were given in Goa;

(b) if so, for which minerals and the date on which these orders were issued; and

(c) the names of the parties in Goa to whom such concessions were granted and the dates on which each of these concessions was granted for the three months preceding the date of the aforesaid order?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. In order to facilitate the exploration work proposed to be done by the Geological Survey of India, the Government of Goa, Daman and Diu was asked on 9-7-1969 not to grant mineral concessions for bauxite in the territory to private parties, till completion of the investigation.

(c) The information has been called for from the State Government and will be laid on the table of the House, on receipt.

Copper deposit in Tamil Nadu

3673. SHRI BHUVARAHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken on the report submitted by the Geological Survey of

India about the rich deposit of copper at Mamondur in South Arcot of Tamil Nadu State;

(b) whether there is any proposal to exploit the copper deposit there and if so, when the work will be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM): (a) As a result of investigations carried out by the Geological Survey of India, reserves of 9 lakh tonnes of ore analysing 0.63% Cu, 2% Pb and 2.73% Zn were indicated. As the available reserves are not large enough to be exploited individually, the State Government of Tamil Nadu, under the auspices of the United Nations Development Programme, has taken up further prospecting in the area for proving additional reserves. The United Nations Development Programme is contemplating geophysical exploration by the induced polarisation method for locating parallel hidden deposits, if any, in the area. The final report on these investigations by the United Nations Development programme is awaited.

(b) The question of exploitation can be considered only after the results of the investigations contemplated for proving additional reserves are obtained.

(c) Does not arise.

Occupation of a Part of Dum Dum Aerodrome by Refugees from Bangla Desh

3674. SHRI SAMAR GUHA:

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Bangla Desh refugees have occupied a part of Dum Dum aerodrome;