

tion—a joint venture of the Governments of India and Sikkim—was set up in 1960. The Corporation has been producing copper, lead and zinc concentrates. During the last 2 years the production has been as follows :-

| | (Qty. in tonnes) | |
|------------------------|------------------|---------|
| | 1969-70 | 1970-71 |
| 1. Copper concentrates | 443 | 348 |
| 2. Lead concentrates | 92 | 116 |
| 3. Zinc concentrates | 220 | 274 |

In view of the very limited nature of the deposit, no production of metal by the Corporation is envisaged.

Geological Survey Re : Deposits of Copper and Zinc in Darjeeling District and Nearby Places

7043. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any Geological Survey to locate the places of copper and zinc deposits in Darjeeling District and nearby places ;

(b) if so, the result of such Geological survey ; and

(c) the time by which such a survey will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). As a result of geological survey recently carried out by the Geological Survey of India for base-metal ore deposits in Darjeeling district and adjacent areas, base-metal mineralisation has been located near Daling Chu about 4 km. north of Gorubathan in Darjeeling hills. A number of small uneconomical occurrences of base-metal ore around Sombari Hat, Kalimpong, Kumai, Mahandi, Mangphu Mangwa, Pankabari, Pashok, Ranihat, Re Ung, Sampthar, Yanmakung, Yongri hill have also been reported.

(c) Work near Daling Chu will continue during 1971-72. As the investigations are in preliminary stages, further progress of work will depend upon results obtained.

Allocation for Earth Work to Jamenkira Block in Sambalpur, Orissa

7044. SHRI P. GANGADEB : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have allotted Rs. one lakh to the Jamenkira Block in the District of Sambalpur for earth work under the Community Development Projects ;

(b) if so, the progress made so far ; and

(c) the reasons for delay in utilising the funds for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) to (c). Proposals in respect of the Sambalpur district for implementation under the Crash Scheme for Rural Employment were received from the State Government on July 13, 1971 and are under examination. The cost of proposals in respect of Jamenkira block is Rs. 1, 12,500/-. These proposals relate to renovation of tanks and minor irrigation project (Kura) and Gram Panchayat Samiti roads. It is expected that the approved works will be strated soon after the rains.

Preservation of Wild Life in NEFA

7045. SHRI C. C. GOHAIN Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the specific steps Government have taken to preserve the wild life in NEFA area ;

(b) whether Government propose to establish a Zoo in NEFA area ; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to be constructed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a). Promulgation of NEFA Wild Bird and animals protection regulation is under active consideration and will be enforced as soon as approved by Government.

(b) No, Sir. There is no proposal to establish a Zoo in NEFA for the present.

(c) Does not arise.