

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

Date of Inspection	No. of challans	No. of disposal of challans so far	Amount of Fine
1	2	3	4
			Rs.
21.5.70	3	1	30.00
23.6.70	3	3	100.00
7.7.70	1	1	35 00
26.7.70	1	1	40.00
29.7.70	1	1	30.00
9.8.70	1	1	40.00
13.8.70	3	1	40.00
15.8.70	1	—	—
26.8.70	1	—	—
2.9.70	1	1	25 00
15.9.70	6	5	145 00
24.9.70	2	2	30.00
19.12.70	3	1	40 00
26.1.71	1	1	45.00
12.6.71	5	4	120.00
18.7.71	2	—	—
Total : 16	35	23	720.00

Note : Inspection carried out at 8.45 P. M. or afterwards on the above dates.

Losses Incurred by State-owned Tubewells in Punjab

7951. SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen press news appearing in the *Times of India* dated the 25th July, 1971 to the effect that State-owned tubewells in Punjab have been incurring heavy losses because of defective planning, wrong selection of sites and corruption among the operational staff ;

(b) whether on an average the loss per tubewell increased from Rs. 604 in 1962-63 to Rs. 4905 in 1966-67 ;

(c) whether a survey in this regard has been conducted by any of the agency of the Central Government or the State Government ;

(d) if so, the findings thereof ; and

(e) the reaction of Central Government thereto and the action taken to improve the situation and the steps taken against the persons responsible for the losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha, when received.

(e) The reaction of the Central Government will be known after the required information has been received and examined.

Exploration of Diamond Deposits in Andhra Pradesh

7952. SHRI K. KODANDA RAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has completed the exploration of diamond deposits at Vajrakarur in Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh, and

(b) if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). The detailed geological and geophysical investigations carried out by the Geological Survey of India for diamond in Vajrakarur, Anantapur district during 1961-63 have proved the existence of two pipe rocks near Vajrakarur and two near Lattavaram villages. The bulk samples obtained from pipe rock No. 1 in Vajrakarur have yielded twentyone diamonds weighing 22.42 carats so far. One of these diamonds weighed 9.456 carats. The work is still in progress and expected to be completed by 1973.