

few selected potential ore bearing areas of Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar-West Bengal. As a result of this survey, which was completed on schedule, a large number of geophysical anomalies have been revealed. The ground follow-up in selected anomaly sites has revealed promising zinc, lead mineralisation in Rajasthan area and copper mineralisation in Bihar area. Minor occurrences of molybdenum have also been recorded in Rajasthan area. Further drilling is in progress to evaluate the extent and grade of the ore bodies. The results achieved under project 'Operation Hardrock' so far are encouraging.

French aided project for aerial survey has been taken up not because of the failure of 'Operation Hardrock' but with a view to speed up exploration for non-ferrous metals for which aerial survey over additional areas in selected parts of Mysore, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan was considered necessary and for which indigenous expertise was not available.

(c) The ground follow-up work on the aero-anomalies located by the 'Operation Hardrock' Project is still in progress. The question of exploitation of minerals which may be located as a result of these operations will be considered after completion of the ground follow-up work.

Decline in Export of Scrap to Japan

4904 SHRI SUBODH HANSDA Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether export of scrap to Japan is falling down day by day

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) since when the export is dwindling and the steps taken to check this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The export of ferrous scrap to Japan has declined steadily from about June, 1970. The major cause of the decline is the increasing domestic demand.

Bharat Sewak Samaj

4905 SHRI VIKRAM CHAND MAHAJAN Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the quantum of annual aid given to Bharat Sewak Samaj by the Government

(b) the number of persons employed in this Organisation, and

(c) the total amount embezzled during the last three years in this Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRI SINGH) (a) The Government of India have not given any financial assistance to the Bharat Sewak Samaj since November 1966.

(b) The Government do not have any information as the Bharat Sewak Samaj is a private organisation.

(c) A Commission of Inquiry is looking into the accounts and affairs of the Bharat Sewak Samaj in so far as these relate to Central financial assistance given before November 1966. The report of the Commission of Inquiry is still awaited.

Import of Milk Powder and Duty paid on its Import

4906 SHRI INDER J MALHOTRA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the amount of duty paid on import of milk powder during the last three years on imported powder,