

PUNARVAS MANTRI (**SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR**): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House after it is received.

Tajpur Molarband Labour and Construction Cooperative Society Ltd., Delhi.

460. **SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :**
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :

Will the Minister of **AGRICULTURE** (**KRISHI MANTRI**) be pleased to state :

(a) the paid-up capital of the Tajpur Molarband Labour and Construction Cooperative Society Ltd., Delhi at the time of its inception and at present ;

(b) whether Government have audited the accounts of the company during the last three years ;

(c) whether any irregularities have been found ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken in regard thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (**KRISHI MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI**) (**SHRI JAGANNATHI PAHADIA**) : (a). There is no cooperative society titled 'TAJPUR MOLARBAND LABOUR AND CONSTRUCTION COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.'. However, a labour and construction cooperative society titled "BHARAT SEVAK SAMAJ TAJPUR MOLARBAND PATHARTORA COOPERATIVE LABOUR AND CONSTRUCTION SOCIETY LTD" which was registered earlier and renamed later on as "NAVA NIRMAN COOPERATIVE LABOUR AND CONSTRUCTION SOCIETY LTD", had a share capital of Rs. 1,680/- in the beginning. Its present paid up share capital is Rs. 3,520/-.

(b) Audit for the last three cooperative years ending June 1968, 1969 and 1970 of Nava Nirman Cooperative Labour and Construction Society Ltd., which was defunct for sometimes has been taken up.

(c) The irregularities, if any, will be known on completion of audit.

(d) Does not arise at this stage.

Appointment of a Commission to survey the Quantum of Bauxite deposits in Nilaswaram (Kerala)

461. **SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN :** Will the Minister of **STEEL AND MINES** (**ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRI**) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to appoint a commission to Survey about the quantum of Bauxite deposits in Nilaswaram, Cannanore District, Kerala ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ?

(c) whether Government have received any representation from Kerala Government on the issue ; and

(d) whether Government have taken any steps on the representation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (**ISPAT AUR KHAN MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI**) (**SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN**) : (a) and (b). The Geological Survey of India is already engaged in a systematic exploration of the bauxite deposits in the area east of Nilaswaram, Cannanore District, Kerala. As a result of the investigation carried out so far, five bauxite patches have been demarcated, aggregating about 4 sq. km. In one of the patches 96 boreholes were drilled, to a depth of about 766 metres. The thickness estimated from the borehole data approximates 3.5 metres. Reserves will be assessed after completion of drilling.

(c) and (d). A request has recently been received from the Government of Kerala for accelerating Bauxite exploration in the State. The scope for intensification of operation is under continuous review by the Geological Survey of India and further acceleration will depend upon results obtained from the tests being carried out in the area.