

pared to more than a ten fold rise in Japan. The economic growth in Japan (including production of steel has been much higher than not only of India, but of most other countries. This has to be viewed in the general background that not only in respect of steel production but even a very wide area of industrial activity, such as ship-buildings, machine building, electronics, etc. Japan has made rapid strides by technological development, automation and operational skills and discipline

(c) No, Sir.

#### Accidents in Mines

1669. SHRI K. MALLANNA :  
SHRI R. S. PANDEY :

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

(a) whether the number of accidents in coal and non-coal mines have increased ;

(b) if so, the number of accidents which occurred during this year 1969-70, 1970-71 and 1971-72 ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to strengthen the Department of Director-General of Mines Safety to reduce the number of accidents and the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). The number of fatal and serious accidents from 1967 onwards is given below :—

Year	Fatal Accidents		Serious Accidents	
	Coal	Non Coal	Coal	Non-Coal
1969	211	78	1650	861
1970	194	58	1577	786
1971	199	65	1451	789
1972 (Upto June)	103	32	699	376

From the above it will be seen that the number of serious accidents in coal mines has gradually come down from 1969 and

there have been marginal fluctuations in the case of fatal accidents both in Coal and Non Coal mines and serious accidents in non-coal mines.

(c) Such proposal is under consideration.

#### Nationalisation of Iron and Steel Industry

1670 SHRI K. MALLANNA :  
SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO :

Will the MINISTER ON STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to nationalise the Iron and Steel Industry in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : No, Sir.

#### Discovery of Silica-sand in Allahabad

1671. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH. Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state ,

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the finest grade of silica-sand is found in Shankargarh area of Allahabad district ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken for the better utilisation of this silica-sand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Glass sand deposits near Shankargarh, Lehgarh and Bar-garh in Banda-Allahabad districts are considered among the best sources of glass sands in India. Requirements of most of glass industries in Northern India are drawn from this area.

(b) The detailed surveys and tests of the Silica sand bearing areas in Shankargarh and areas adjacent thereto are being conducted by the Directorate of Mining and Geology of U.P. and there is a proposal to reserve some areas of high grade sand so that industries based thereon could be established in Public Sector. There is also a proposal with the Government of U.P. to conduct investigations and technical studies of the sand available in this area under the United Nations Development programme currently in operation in U.P.