

sion to electricity of air-driven equipment including Hoists and Pumps are steps taken in the direction to the improvement of operational efficiency and sustaining and, if possible, increasing production.

Regarding Hutti Gold Mines, major expansion scheme to increase production from 9 lakhs to 18 lakhs grammes per annum has been completed except for minor work. Future potentials of Hutti and surrounding area are considered high and preliminary investigation for further expansion is in progress.

The ore reserves of the Kolar Gold Mines as at the end of March, 1972 are of the order of 16.35 lakh tonnes of high grade of 13.67 grammes per tonne and 23.42 lakh tonnes of low grade of 6.36 grammes per tonne.

The ore reserves of the Hutti Gold Mines are 11.25 lakh tonnes of high grade of 11 grammes per tonne plus equal quantity of lower grade ore of 7 grammes per tonne.

Imposition of Man Power Ceiling in Air Force

445. SHRI M. GOPAL REDDY:
SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-
DHURY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to impose man power ceiling in the Air Force, and

(b) if so, the main features of the Plan and the benefits accruable from this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme is under finalisation.

Communication to President Bhutto regarding Simla Agreement

446. SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently sent a communication to President Bhutto clarifying India's position on various matters arising out of the Simla Agreement; and

(b) the response of Pakistan in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) and (b). Government have exchanged several communications with the Government of Pakistan on the implementation of the Simla Agreement. It would not be proper for Government to divulge the contents of these communications.

Visit by a Goodwill Mission from Peru

447. SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a goodwill mission from Peru visited India during January 1973,

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held with the delegation; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir. Madame Consuelo Gonzales de Velasco, wife of the Peruvian President, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Maria Elena Velasco de Prnto, and Mrs. Zoila de Jimenez de Lucio, wife of the Minister of Commerce and Industry visited India from 24th January, to 1st February, 1973, of the invitation of the Government of India.