

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Missing Indian Soldiers due to Peking Aggression against India, 1962

1681. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian soldiers still missing and not yet accounted for as a result of Peking aggression against India of October 1962;

(b) whether any efforts have been made by Government to find out the fate of Indian soldiers still missing from the Peking Government; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) to (c). All the soldiers who were declared missing as a result of the Chinese aggression have already been officially presumed to be killed, in accordance with the prescribed procedure. Government are not aware of any personnel being still held in Chinese custody and therefore no efforts have been made by Government to take up the matter with the Chinese Government.

Non-Payment of Revised Bonds to Tea Garden Workers in Tripura

1682. SHRI BIREN DUTTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tripura Tea Garden Management has not given 8.33 per cent Bonus to the labourers; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to make the management pay the legal dues to the Tripura tea-workers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) and (b). The matter falls in the State sphere and information in respect of it is not available.

Prospect of Mining of Scarce Metals in Andhra Pradesh

1683. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY. Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent survey of the Bisanatham area in Andhra Pradesh near the present Gold Mines at K. G. F. has disclosed promising prospects of mining of scarce metals; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to exploit the mineral deposits in this backward area?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) and (b). During the exploration of the Bisanatham area in Andhra Pradesh near the present Gold Mines at the Kolar Gold Fields, presence of some scarce metals in minor quantities has been confirmed. Detailed exploration in the area is expected to be conducted during the 5th Plan period.

Loss incurred by Jessops Limited, Calcutta

1684. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertaking—Jessops Limited, Dum Dum Calcutta had suffered a loss of more than Rs. 5 crores in the last one year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total loss suffered by this undertaking during the past three years; and

(d) the steps taken and being taken to make this venture available and a profitable one?