

Geological Survey of Kerala during Fifth Five Year Plan

6472. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANKAPPAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for geological survey of different parts of Kerala State has been submitted by Government of Kerala for implementation during the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) and (b). No scheme as such for geological survey of different parts of Kerala has been submitted by the Government of Kerala for implementation during the Fifth Five Year Plan. However, the proposal relating to the mineral investigations to be carried out by the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Kerala, in the draft outline of the Fifth Five Year Plan of the Government of Kerala, would involve some geological surveys. It is proposed to conduct mineral investigation in forest areas.

Assistance to Rural Hospitals of Kerala

6473. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANKAPPAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural hospitals in the State of Kerala which are receiving assistance from the Central Government, District-wise;

(b) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of Government under which such assistance is to be increased; and

(c) if so, the salient features of the Scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) The Government of India do not provide any assistance to the State Governments for rural hospitals.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Closer ties between Pakistan and Bangladesh

6475. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA:

SHRI R. S. PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the press that India is standing in the way of closer ties between Pakistan and Bangladesh and thus threatening the plan of tripartite meeting to be held in April, 1974; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Government has seen some Pakistani press and Radio reports to this effect.

(b) This propaganda stands exposed by the fact that the Tripartite Meeting of the Foreign Ministries of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh commenced at New Delhi on 5th April, 1974 as scheduled. Moreover, Government's initiatives aimed at reconciliation, normalisation of relations and establishment of durable peace in the sub-continent are too well-known to need reiteration.