

(b) if so, the salient features of the project ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A Detailed Project Report had been prepared for the exploitation of Kudremukh iron ore deposits which form part of Western ghats in Karnataka State. The report envisaged mining of about 20 million tonnes of crude ore to yield 7.5 million tonnes of saleable concentrates after beneficiation.

The original proposal envisaged exports to Japan in the form of slurry. Due to pollution problems in Japan these proposals did not materialise. Alternative outlets for ore from Kudremukh are under consideration.

#### **Manufacture of Cars, Tractors and Trucks**

4988. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the shortage of petrol, mobil oil and diesel, Government contemplate the reduction in manufacturing of tractors, cars, trucks and other machineries operated by them ; and

(b) if not, how Government propose to meet the increased demand for such energy producing articles ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b). The shortage of petrol and allied products has naturally occasioned rethinking and re-appraisals in respect of policies and targets in these important industries.

#### **Intensive Co-operation among Asian Countries**

4989. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is ready to have intensive co-operation among Asian countries ;

(b) whether India is also to exchange technical know-how with other developing countries of Asia ; and

(c) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) There are over 1,000 Indian experts serving in developing countries in Asia under technical assistance programmes, both on a bilateral basis and on multilateral arrangements such as the Colombo Plan. In addition over 450 experts' services have been made available to those countries on contract basis. Over 330 trainees in technical fields are being accommodated in India under technical assistance programmes. India responds to the maximum extent possible to requests by Asian developing countries for technical assistance in respect of deputation of experts and provision of training facilities in India, apart from the undertaking of feasibility studies and economic surveys on behalf of these countries. The Joint Commissions with Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Sri Lanka also promote, *inter alia*, the exchange of technical know-how.

#### **Body for Integrated progress of Mine areas**

4990. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR :  
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state whether he plans to set up a body in co-operation with the State Governments for integrated progress of the coal mine areas ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA) : No, Sir.

#### **Survey of Service Conditions of Beedi Workers**

4991. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently made a survey in regard to the service

conditions of the beedi workers in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve their working conditions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) The Director, Labour Bureau conducted during 1965-66 enquiry into the labour conditions of *beedi* Workers and published a report titled 'Survey of Labour Conditions in Bidi Factories in India (1965-66)'.

(b) The Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966, a central legislation, provides for the welfare and regulates the conditions of the work of the beedi and cigar workers.

**Employment to Indian Construction Labour in Foreign Countries**

4992. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any foreign country has shown willingness to employ construction labour from India, and

(b) if so, the names of such countries and the reaction of Indian Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Increase in unemployed Medical Graduates**

4993. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a substantial increase in the number of Medical Graduates unemployed during the last two years?

(b) if so, the figures thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) and (b). A statement showing the number of medical graduates (including Post-Graduates) on the Live Registers of Employment Exchanges in each State/Union Territory at the end of 1971, 1972 and 30th June, 1973 is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Some of the State Governments have devised Special Employment Programmes for medical graduates which provide for opening of rural dispensaries, grant of stipends for serving in tribal and other areas, imparting of pre-service training, financial assistance for self-employment, etc.

*Statement*

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of Medical Graduates (including Post Graduates) on Live Registers at the end of year		
		1971	1972	1973 (as on 30-6-73)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1400	1355	1329
2.	Assam	10	39	42
3.	Bihar	208	374	372
4.	Chandigarh	—	—	—