

(ख) क्या ये स्वर्ण भंडार लगभग 500 किलोमीटर के क्षेत्र में हैं, यदि हां, तो क्या इस सम्बन्ध में सर्वेक्षण कार्य सब प्रकार से पूर्ण हो चुका है और यदि हां, तो इस क्षेत्र में भट्टी आदि का कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा और इस कार्य पर कितना धन लगेगा; और

(ग) कितना मोना निकाले जाने की सम्भावना है और क्या इस मोने की किस्म का भी पता लगाया गया है और यदि हां, तो कितने प्रकार का स्वर्ण मिलने की आशा है ?

**इस्पात और खान मन्त्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री सुखदेव प्रसाद) :** (क) ममाचार पर्वों की खबरों के अनुसार रायगड जिले में स्वर्ण होने की सूचना मिली है ।

(ख) और (ग). लगभग 128 वर्ग किलोमीटर क्षेत्र में किए गए प्रारम्भिक सर्वेक्षण में स्वर्ण होने के संकेत मिले हैं । अभी व्यापक सर्वेक्षण किया जाना है और इस समय इस खनिज की खूदाई की सम्भावना के बारे में कुछ कहना या ब्यारि देना सम्भव नहीं है ।

#### **Survey of Bonded Labour System**

778. SHRI S. M. SIDDAYYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey has been conducted in those States and Union Territories recently that have reported that they do not have the problems of bonded labour; and

(b) if so, the outlines of the survey?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA):** (a). No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **एक विशेष प्रकार के रोग का फैलना**

779. श्री जनेश्वर शिभ : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने इस बात का पता लगाने के लिये कोई अध्ययन किया है कि भिन्नावट और वायु दूषण के कारण देश के बड़े नगरों और औद्योगिक बस्तियों में एक विशेष प्रकार की बीमारी फैल रही है,

(ख) क्या देश की राजधानी भी प्रभावित है, और

(ग) इसे रोकने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन अंत्र लय में उपमन्त्री (श्री ए० क० एम० इसहाक) :** (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग). ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

#### **Opening of Public Call Offices in Tribal Development Blocks of Maharashtra**

780. SHRI Z. M. KAHANDOLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are numerous complaints about the unsatisfactory working of all the public telephone call booths in the nine Tribal Development Blocks in the Nasik District of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to keep them in working condition;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open public call offices in remaining Tribal Development Blocks of Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the outlines thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL**

SHARMA); (a) and (b). No, Sir. PCOs are working satisfactorily. However, 3 Channel Telephone system is proposed to be installed to improve speech of Igatpuri PCO. Copper wire of Surgana and Paint PCOs is proposed to be replaced by Aluminium wire to avoid copper wire thefts.

(c) and (d). The Sub. Plan for Tribal Development Blocks of Maharashtra has not yet been finalised by the State Government. Proposals to open P.C.Os in such Tribal Development Blocks will be considered after finalisation of the sub-plan.

#### Working in five Coal Mines Banned

781. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently banned the working in five coal mines in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b). Apprehended danger of inundation.

#### Economic Cooperation between India and Sri Lanka

782. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representatives of India and Sri Lanka have decided, at a recent meeting, to extend economic co-operation between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b). The broad features of the decisions reached during the Third Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Commission Meeting held in New Delhi from 5th to 10th February, 1976 are as follows:

(1) Agreements were signed for grant to Sri Lanka of a fresh credit of Rs. 5 crores, setting up of a micro-wave link between the two countries, further development of cooperation in science and technology and extension of civil aviation facilities.

(2) Steps will be taken to increase the trade.

(3) Technical and economic cooperation in fisheries, cattle development, rural technical centres, sugarcane production, diesel engines, electric motors and pumps, mica-mining etc. will be extended.

(4) Possibilities of a link-up of the power grids will be examined by the two governments on the basis of technical studies being undertaken.

#### Alloy Steel Industry in Doldrums

783. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a New Delhi newspaper report dated the 4th February, 1976 titled 'Alloy Steel Industry in doldrums'; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures proposed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not correct that Government has decided to permit mini steel plants to diversify into alloy