

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) to (c). Three small occurrences of transferred calcite (Iceland spar) have been re-recorded by the Geological Survey of India near Gorad in Danta Taluka in Banaskantha district and Jura and Dilwara in Khed-Brahma Taluka in Sabarkantha district. Samples collected were examined by the National Instruments Ltd., Calcutta and were found to be too much cleaved to be suitable for optical use. No reserves have been estimated. As such there are no schemes.

Volcanic Ash-deposits

8921. SHRI VIRENDRAKUMAR SHAH : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that vast reserves of Volcanic ash-deposits which can be used for industries requiring better quality and fine grained material like polishing silverware, metal polish, lithographic abrasive were found to be occurring in the vicinity of Uniti in Bulsar District of Gujarat.

(b) if so, the estimated extent of such reserves ; and

(c) the scheme, if any, which has been prepared for commercial exploitation of these deposits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). No Sir. It is reported by the Government of Gujarat that so far 336 tonnes of such exposed material in the vicinity of village Padam-Dungari have been estimated.

(c) No such scheme has been prepared ?

Prices of Coal

8922. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of increase in the price of coal since 1958;

(b) the corresponding international trend of the price of coal;

(c) the percentage of increase in the price of iron ore since 1954;

(d) the corresponding international trend of the price of iron ore; and

(e) the reasons for such difference in Indian and International prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) The coal prices have been decontrolled with effect from July, 1967. The simple average of the percentage increase in coal prices prior to decontrol is of the order of 50. After decontrol, no firm figures are available on an industry-wise basis and hence it is not possible to indicate the percentage increase after July, 1967.

(b) Not available.

(c) to (e). There has not been any increase in the International price of iron ore during the last decade. These have rather been marking continuous decline. Prices of Indian iron ore have also been declining keeping in line with the world market trends.

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8923 श्री हुकम चन्द कलुबाय : क्या औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत के विभिन्न नगरों में इंडियन ट्यूब्स कम्पनी, कलकत्ता की कितनी शाखाएँ हैं;

(ख) उक्त फर्म में किस प्रकार के सामानों का उत्पादन होता है; और

(ग) गत दो वर्षों में उक्त फर्म ने विदेशों की कितनी मात्रा में सामान निर्यात किया था ?

औद्योगिक विकास तथा समवाय-कार्य मंत्री (श्री फलरुद्दीन अली अहमद) : (क) मेसर्स इंडियन ट्यूब्स कम्पनी लिमिटेड का मुख्यालय कलकत्ता में, कारखाना जमशेदपुर में तथा विक्री कार्यालय, बम्बई, नई दिल्ली, मेराल, तथा अहमदाबाद में है;