

**Refractories Plant at Bhilai**

**1648. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report on the project of setting up a Refractories Plant at Bhilai has been received from the Russian consultants;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) if the report has not been received, when it is expected to be made available?

**The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c). Having regard to the present and expected development of indigenous capacity for the manufacture of refractories, Government have decided not to proceed with the project.

**Coal Washery at Dugda**

**1649. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal washing plant at Dugda (Bihar) has been completed;

(b) if not, when it is expected to be completed;

(c) the Company to which the contract was given to erect this plant; and

(d) the estimated expenditure and annual capacity of the plant?

**The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh):** (a) The Plant has not yet been completed.

(b) It is expected to be completed towards the end of 1966.

(c) The contract for the erection of Coal Washing Plant at Dugda was placed with Messrs. Roberts and S. haefer Co. of U.S.A.

(d) The plant is designed for a washing capacity of 1.2 million tonnes with a raw coking coal input of 2.4 million tonnes. The estimated capital

cost of the project is Rs. 7.29 crores including foreign exchange component of Rs. 2.42 crores being financed by the U.S. AID.

**Geological Survey of Tripura**

**1650. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether any geological survey has been made in Tripura by the Russian experts;

(b) if so, their findings; and

(c) whether Government propose to undertake an intensive geological survey in Tripura in order to find out mineral resources?

**The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Geological Survey of India has already carried out some geological investigations in Trpura. The following investigations are proposed to be taken up by the Geological Survey of India during the Fourth Plan period:—

1. Systematic geological mapping of the remaining unmapped areas of Tripura;
2. Investigation of groundwater by drilling;
3. Water supply of tribal colonies; and
4. Possibilities of minor irrigation with the tube wells.

**Retrenchment on the Eastern Railway**

**1651. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the future of over 8,000 railwaymen of the Eastern Railway has become uncertain with the introduction of the Incentive Bonus Scheme, dieselization and electrification;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of temporary hands have already been retrenched due to that reason; and