

Government that the entire Faizabad Division excluding Bara Banki has been classified as backward area requiring development of all facets of economy including industries.

(b) No special scheme for industrialisation of the Division is contemplated by the State Government but greater allocations would be made by them under the Fourth Plan schemes for backward regions including Faizabad Division.

#### Aeromagnetic Survey

330. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to carry out aeromagnetic survey in certain parts of the country to locate mineral deposits;

(b) whether the Soviet Union has agreed to assist India in this respect;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(d) the estimated cost thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI RAM SEWAK):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is proposed to carry out aeromagnetic surveys over an area of 138,000 sq. kms. in Dandakaranya and Sambalpur-Bolangir areas in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and parts of Andhra Pradesh with Soviet assistance.

(d) The Project is estimated to cost about Rs. 1.2 crores, including foreign exchange component of about 505,500 Roubles.

#### Purchases of Aircrafts from USSR

331. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA:  
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH:  
SHRI S. KUNDU:

SHRI SAMAR GUHA:  
SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI  
SINHA:

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent Indo-Soviet Trade talks in Moscow the U.S.S.R. Government have offered the sale of ships and aircrafts to India;

(b) if so, what were the terms of offer made in this respect; and

(c) whether India has accepted the offer?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c). During the discussions in March-April, 1968 with the Soviet Delegation led by Mr. A. M. Zharsky, the Indian side showed interest in studying the possibilities of purchase of ships and shipping equipment. A Soviet exporting organization has offered to sell aircraft to Indian Airlines Corporation. During the recent Indo-Soviet trade talks in Moscow, the question of purchase of ships, aircrafts and helicopters was discussed. No specific offers were made during the recent talks.

#### जस्ते की खानें

333. श्री महाराज सिंह भारती :  
क्या इस्पात, खान तथा वायु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में जस्ते की खानें कितनी हैं, उनकी उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है तथा देश में इसकी मांग की तुलना में उसकी उपलब्ध कितनी कम है ;

(ख) क्या अब भी कुछ ऐसे स्थान हैं जहां जस्ते के निक्षेप उपलब्ध हैं परन्तु उन से जस्ता निकालने का काम नहीं किया जा रहा है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो ऐसे स्थानों के नाम क्या हैं और खनन परियोजनाओं का व्योरा क्या है ; और