

Competent Authority. S.P.E. have submitted their final reports in respect of transactions with other two firms and the matter is under examination in the Ministry of Defence.

INSTALLATION OF TOWER AND STATUES NEAR PALAM AIRPORT IN HONOUR OF BRIGADIER USMAN AND OTHERS

5161. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to instal 500 feet high tower in honour of Brigadier Usman, Brigadier Muzaffar, Brigadier Hoshiar Singh, Havildar Abdul Hamid and General Daulat Singh, opposite Palam Airport and to instal their statue around the pillar; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CALCUTTA REGIONAL OFFICE OF MINERALS AND METALS TRADING CORPORATION

5162. SHRI B. K. MODAK :  
SHRI MUHAMMAD ISMAIL :  
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :  
SHRI BHAGABAN DAS :  
SHRI K. HALDER :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the works carried on by the Calcutta Regional Office of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation;

(b) the number of employees of each category under this Office;

(c) whether Government have decided to shift part of the Office to Barbil; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether according to the employees' association (Calcutta region), this partial shifting of the Office from Calcutta will tell upon the employment potential of West Bengal and if so, whether Government have considered the opinion expressed by the association; and

(e) if so, the action being taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE

(SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) The Calcutta Regional Office of the Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation deals with the following items of work :

(i) Import and distribution to actual users of metals imported by the Corporation *via* the Calcutta port.

(ii) Procurement and export of coal and manganese ore *via* the Calcutta port.

(iii) Procurement and despatch of iron ore and manganese ore from the Barajamda sector of Bihar/Orissa for Rourkela and Durgapur Steel Plants.

(iv) Procurement from the Barajamda sector and distribution of iron ore for export *via* Calcutta and Paradip ports.

(b) The number of employees under the Calcutta Regional Office, including those in the Sub-Regional Office at Nalda/Barbil is given below :—

Class I & II	23
Class III	387
Class IV	143
Barge Crew	37
Total	<u>590</u>

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

DEVELOPMENT OF MUZRAI INDUSTRIES IN MYSORE AND KERALA

5163. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme under consideration for the development of Muzrai Industries in Mysore and Kerala States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the nature of assistance likely to be given to those States for the development of Muzrai Industries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (c). There is no specific scheme for development of Muzrai industries in Mysore and Kerala States. However, there is a scheme for the duplication of 139 Bhootha icons at Mekkkattu village,