

(b) whether the Fertilizer Corporation of India has expressed the view that it will be detrimental to India's interests to seek World Bank aid for the fertilizer expansion programme since the long period of negotiation and procedural delays usual with such assistance would defeat the objective of speedy completion of our fertiliser expansion programme; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction there to ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D.R. CHAVAN) : (a) Financial assistance has been sought from the World Bank for implementing the Cochin phase II and Nangal Expansion Projects. The matter is still under the consideration of the World Bank with whom discussions are in progress.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Plan for exploration and exploitation of minerals and metals

19. SHRI SARJOO PANDEY :
 SHRI SAMINATHAN :
 SHRI DHANDAPANI :
 SHRI MAYAVAN :
 SHRI NARAYANAN :
 SHRI N.R. LASKAR :
 SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA :
 SHRI P.C. ADICHAN :
 SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared a plan for large-scale exploration and exploitation of metals and minerals in the country; and

(b) if so, the main features there of, including foreign collaboration envisaged, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY) : (a) and (b). Geological Survey of India have drawn up a ten year (1969-79) mineral exploration programme. This programme envisages (a) Preliminary mineral assessment through Air-borne Geophysical Surveys, photogeological study, geological mapping, regional geochemical and ground geophysical surveys; (b) regional mineral assessment through large scale geological mapping, follow-up geophysical and geochemical surveys and prospect drilling and pitting/sampling and (c) detailed mineral assessment through large scale mapping, detailed geophysical and geochemical surveys, detailed drilling pitting/sampling and exploratory mining.

During the 4th Plan, it is proposed to cover an area of about 2.91 lakhs sq.km. on 1,63,360 scale by deploying 1200 geologist years. An area of about 630000 sq.km. in fifteen selected Blocks covering promising Peninsular and Extra Peninsular areas, is proposed to be covered by Airborne Surveys. An Airborne Geophysical Unit is being set up in Geological Survey of India and the equipment for this Unit is being procured under Canadian Soft Loan Agreement. Airborne Surveys of some of the Blocks are also envisaged in collaboration with French and U.S.S.R.

Information in respect of exploitation of metals and minerals is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House, when received.

Resignations by Custodians of Nationalised Banks

20. SHRI SARJOO PANDEY :
 SHRI J.N. HAZARIKA :
 SHRI SAMINATHAN :
 SHRI C. JANARDHANAN :
 SHRI RABI RAY :
 SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF :
 SHRI DHANDAPANI :
 SHRI MAYAVAN :
 SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :
 SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :
 SHRI YAJNA DATT SHARMA :

SHRI ESWARA REDDY :
 SHRI NARAYANAN :
 SHRI R. BARUA :
 SHRI N.R. LASKAR :
 SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :
 SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR :
 SHRI D.N. PATODIA :
 SHRI S.M. KRISHNA :
 SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Custodians of six out of the nationalised banks have resigned their offices;

(b) who are the Custodians who have resigned and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the resignations have been accepted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c). The Custodians of four nationalised banks, namely, Central Bank of India, Dena Bank, Union Bank of India and Allahabad Bank, desired to retire from the services of the banks for various personal reasons. Government have agreed to their requests and appointed new Custodians in their places.

Appointment of Architects and Assistant Architects in the Health Services Directorate

21. SHRI J.N. HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain number of Architects and Assistant Architects are continuing on an *ad hoc* basis for the last 9 years in the Architectural Section of the Health Services;

(b) if so, the names of the officers and the reasons for their *ad hoc* continuance for so long;

(c) the number of regular appointments made in the grade of Architects and Assistant Architects during the last three years;

(d) whether officers continuing on *ad hoc* basis have not been appointed regularly so far; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a), (b), (d) and (e). Only one officer namely, Shri Jagjit Singh is officiating as Assistant Architect in the Directorate General of Health Services on an *ad hoc* basis since 15.11.1961 in the following circumstances :—

The recruitment rules for the post of Assistant Architect were issued in August 1964. The rules provide for filling up of the post by direct recruitment and promotion of departmental candidates in the ratio 4 : 1. Prior to the issue of the recruitment rules all the appointments were made by the Union Public Service Commission through direct recruitment but they agreed to fill one post by promotion of a departmental candidate. Accordingly, one such candidate who had been working on an *ad hoc* basis since July 1955, was promoted as Assistant Architect on a regular basis in 1959. After the promulgation of the rules one more departmental candidate who was officiating as Assistant Architect on *ad hoc* basis since December 1960 was promoted on a regular basis to the post of Assistant Architect and 4 candidates were recruited through the Union Public Service Commission against the 80% quota. The next regular vacancy in the Grade of Assistant Architect will be filled by promotion of a departmental candidate for which Shri Jagjit Singh will be considered along with others.

(c) Number of regular appointments in the grade of Architects during the last three years :—