

Chari Committee on Mining in Kolar Gold Field

4050. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA
URS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chari Committee appointed to explore the feasibility of sustaining the mines at Kolar Gold fields has given its report;

(b) if so the main recommendation of the committee;

(c) if so, the number of persons likely to become unemployed; and

(d) whether it is proposed to start an industry to rehabilitate the persons losing jobs due to the proposed closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM
SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main recommendations of Chari Committee on Bharat Gold Mines Limited are given in the Statement attached.

(c) It is anticipated that as a sequel to phasing out of old mines at Kolar Gold Fields about 1800 persons may be rendered surplus.

(d) No, Sir.

STATEMENT

*Main recommendations of the Chari
Committee on BGML*

1. As the working of the mines in Kolar Gold Fields are on their last legs their closure one after the other is only a matter of time. The gap between cost and price are steadily widening. The future will worsen if the present trends

are allowed to continue.

2. The Government to compensate for the gold produced by the Company based on the market price to enable it to function as a commercial venture.
3. Exercising strict control over recruitment of manpower. Fresh recruitment of manpower to be banned.
4. Scheme of Voluntary Retirement may have to be drawn up and efforts made to reduce the manpower by 1000.
5. Continuous need to have its organisational structure to be reoriented towards the twin needs of time bound reduction of gold mining work at KCF and large expansion of diversification and bringing up new mines.
6. To implement the scheme of mechanisation at Nundydroog mine for increasing production/productivity.
7. Bringing up Chigargunta mine to production as early as possible.
8. BGML should be treated as a canalising agency for import of gold for sale in the open market.
9. To bring together all gold mining operations in three Southern States.

Telephone Exchanges with STD Facility

4051. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR
SHARMA:
SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM
KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the total number of telephone ex-

changes linked with STD facility during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) the names of the telephone exchanges proposed to be linked with S.T.D. facility during 1992-93 and the number of exchanges out of them provided with this facility till January, 1992; and

(c) the time by which S.T.D. facility is likely to be provided to the rest of the exchanges with locations thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Total No. of Telephones Exchanges linked with STD facility during 1990-91 is 184 and during 1991-92 (from 1.4.91 to 17.3.92) is 213.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Return Letters Offices

4052. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHAR-GAVA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Return Letter Office in Jaipur had been closed and the work was entrusted to various post offices;

(b) if so, the outcome of the experiment; and

(c) the future policy of the Government regarding Return Letter Offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. Part of the work was decentralised to Head Post Offices experimentally from 14.5.1990. The experiment was suspended from 1.8.1990.

(b) The outcome could not be assessed,

as the decentralisation was suspended after a short period.

(c) There is no new direction of policy, as of now.

Indira Gandhi Canal Project

4053. SHRI SHIV CHARAN MATHUR:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:
DR. A.K. PATEL:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-DEYA:
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHAR-GAVA:

Will the Minister of WATER RE-SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of Indira Gandhi canal project in Rajasthan, so far;

(b) how much land of Thar desert is under assured irrigation at present by this canal;

(c) the target of its completion;

(d) the extent of delay in completion of the project from its original target date, causes thereof and the cost escalation due to delay; and

(e) whether the Government propose to provide funds in one full package in order to check the plan expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The Indira Gandhi Nahar Project to ultimately benefit 13.88 lakh ha. in the south-western districts of Rajasthan is being executed in two stages. Stage I of the Project has been completed and the main canal of Stage II have been