

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) whether any representation has been given by Rajasthan Khanij Udyog Mahasangh in this regard.

(d) if so, the details thereof.

(e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage small mine owners; and

(f) the achievements made regarding discovery and mining of minerals in the mineral rich Arawali ranges in Rajasthan alongwith the role of Indian Bureau of Mines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the problems emerged from discussions held with the small mine owners by Indian Bureau of Mines are . Shortage of qualified surveyors and mining engineers; an elaborate format for the preparation of mining plans; difficulties in carrying out mining operations when mine owners do not have surface rights alongwith mineral right; etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Amendments have been made in Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988 simplifying the earlier Forms and Notices, and even reducing their frequency of submission. Recently, a special Cell has been formed in Indian Bureau of Mines for helping the small mine owners. The charges for Technical Consultancy, Chemical Analysis and Ore Dressing Investigations by Indian Bureau of Mines are concessional for small mines. The State Government in the year 1994 amended the Rajasthan Mines Mineral Concession Rules, 1986 to increase minimum size of lease area from 50Mx50M. to one hectare. The State Govt. has also offered to bear 50% cost of construction of roads, schools, hospitals and other labour welfare amenities provided 50% of the cost is borne by the lessees. The State Govt. has also undertaken construction of roads at its own cost in the case of cluster of small mines.

(f) A large number of potential mineral deposits have been discovered and investigated in the Aravali range, many of which have gone into production. The important mineral among non-metallic minerals are rock phosphate deposits of Udaipur district. Barytes deposits, Fluorite deposits of Rahila and Pandokipal districts, Dungarpur, Karara in Jalore district, marble and cement grade limestone deposits of Chittor, Bundi, Banswara, Sawai Madhopur, Pali and Udaipur districts. Among metallic minerals state department has located Deri Poly metallic deposits (Cu, Pb, Zn) and basemetal deposits at Basantgarh, Pipela areas all in Sirohi district, Agucha Zinc-Lead deposit in Bhilwara district, Pando Ki Pal copper deposit in Dungarpur district and Anjani

basemetal deposit in Udaipur district. Indian Bureau of Mines does not take up work relating to mineral exploration.

### National Vocational Training System

4120. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the German Government has offered any assistance for revamping the National Vocational Training system and major areas of training;

(b) if so, the details and terms and conditions thereof;

(c) the areas in which the financial assistance is proposed to be utilised; and

(d) the fields for which collaboration has been made/ proposed to be made for technical co-operation with Germany?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d). The German Government is considering the proposal to provide technical cooperation to DGE and T in the Ministry of Labour in the following areas :

(i) Restructuring of the National Vocational Training System including (a) planning for National Trade Testing and Certification Authority, (b) planning for a nodal institute for Instructors' Training;

(ii) Development of a nodal institute for Research, Executive Staff Training, Central Information and Documentation Services by restructuring the existing functions of the Central Staff Training and Research Institute (CSTARI), Calcutta;

(iii) Development of a nodal institute for Curriculum, Media and Trade Testing by restructuring the existing functions of the Central Instructional Media Institute (CIMI), Chennai.

The above proposals are in the process of negotiations. However, under the existing Development Co-operation with Germany in the field of vocational training, the German Government is providing assistance to CIMI, Chennai for the development of instructional media packages for the use of trainees and trainers under Craftsman Training and Apprenticeship Training Schemes.

### Doubling and Electrification of Railway Tracks

4121. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had conducted the techno-economical survey for doubling and electrification programme on the Andal-Sainthia section of Eastern Railway;