

in Warsaw. There were some contacts in Paris but in Warsaw there were regular meetings. They had met each other hundreds of times before the ultimate breakthrough took place in their relations. So, let us not be misled by these journalistic expressions like ping pong diplomacy. There were much deeper contacts than the players just playing at the ping pong ball with their rackets.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: During the last visit of our tennis team, may I know whether we on behalf of our sports' organisation with the concurrence of the Ministry of External Affairs invited the Chinese team to visit India? If not, may I know whether any invitation has come from China to any of our sports or cultural organisations to visit China in the recent times?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: Not to my knowledge.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : The Minister just now mentioned about the ping pong diplomacy between the USA and China. The point is American has no standard in ping pong. But we have reached a certain standard during the recent Swathing Cup tournament. I want to know whether the minister will have any objection if a ping pong team is sent by the Education Ministry of our country to China, whether there will be proper arrangements for passport etc. and whether it will give an opportunity to test whether the ball is in their court or in our court?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: I have already said that we will favour teams from one country visiting the other, Indian team going to China or *vice versa*. In these matters we are quite liberal. There was a request from an hon. member belonging to Mr. Banerjee's party that a doctor may be allowed to go to China, because he wanted to study their acupuncture technique and we allowed that. These are the types of technological, cultural or sports matters in which

there can be, and should be, a greater exchange on either side.

Geological Survey of North Bengal

*1044. **SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the assurance given by the former Minister of Steel and Mines, whether any geological survey has been made in North-Bengal, particularly in the districts of Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Cooch-Bihar, where deposits like zinc, copper and also oil-wells are found in large quantity, and

(b) if not, whether his Ministry propose to conduct a geological survey in North Bengal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA) : (a) Geological Surveys have already been conducted in North Bengal for minerals like lead-zinc, Copper, Oil and gas. Geological Survey of India have now taken up detailed investigations in promising areas. No further exploration work for oil and gas is considered necessary in the region at this stage, as the geological formation in the area is considered unfavourable for generation of oil and gas.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY: Last year in reply to my question No. 699 dated the 4th May 1972 it was stated :

"The first phase (1969—74) of the ten-year plan (1969—79) of the Geological Survey of India, in progress, includes systematic geological mapping and preliminary mineral investigation in 1250 sq. km. area in Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts and detailed investigations for dolomite and graphite in Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling Districts."

So, it was mentioned in reply that in 1,250 sq. km. area in Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri detailed investigations have been made by the Geological Survey of India. May I know whether they have been completed and, if so, what are the areas covered by the detailed study?

SHRI SUBODH HANSDA : Geological mapping has been conducted during the years 1971-72 and 1972-73 and the area covered is 1.21 km. The scale is inch for 2,000 sq. miles.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : What are the areas covered?

SHRI SUBODH HANSDA : The area covered is Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : It is quite clear from the hon. Minister's statement that no investigation has so far been made. But in the same reply which I quoted earlier it was stated that in Garubathan area in Darjeeling district there is a large deposit of minerals. The answer says :

"As a result of recent Geological Survey conducted by the Geological Survey of India, some occurrences of lead, zinc, copper mineralisation in quartzite have been located in Garubathan or in Darjeeling District. These occurrences are being investigated by large-scale mapping, sampling and drilling."

It is also mentioned in the Geological Survey of India Report--I will quote only one sentence . . .

MR. SPEAKER : This is not a debate. Let him ask a question. I am not going to allow it every time.

SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : I will not take much time. Unless I mention it, it would be very difficult for the Minister to answer the question.

It is mentioned in the Report :

"Further sub-surface investigation of the dam site has been suspended by the CW&PC, New Delhi, since March 1966 and as such none of the recommendations has been implemented."

I would like to know what was the recommendation made at that time, whether it was stated that all these areas should be properly mapped and exploration done and, if so, why this has been suspended since 1966?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMAR MANGALAM) : I am not able to follow exactly the question which the hon. Member has put. But regarding the mapping of Garubathan I may state that recently promising indications on mineralisation have been located four miles north of this place in Darjeeling during detailed geological mapping and they are following it up

**Memorandum from Alipur (Calcutta)
Ordnance Depot Employees**

'1046. **SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he received a memorandum from the Alipur (Calcutta) Ordnance Depot employees, containing charges of corruption against some officers of the Depot;

(b) if so, the contents of the said memorandum ; and

(c) what action, if any, has been taken on it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) An unsigned and undated letter purporting to be from the employees of the Ordnance Depot, Alipore (Calcutta), containing allegations against certain officers was received in the Defence Ministry on 4-4-1973.