

Geneva for the World Health Assembly. I have spoken to the Director-General of the WHO also. This project I intended to place in Bangalore. We have a National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences in Bangalore with a lot of background, and I am hopeful that if this project gets off the ground, it will do a pioneering work in this field.

श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : अध्यक्ष जी, योगिक शिक्षा चलाने की बात बल रही है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो शिक्षा प्रणाली आप शुरू कर रहे हैं यह केवल मर्दों के लिए है या औरतों के लिए भी इसको चालू करना चाहते हैं? क्या हमारे देश में औरतों का शरीर इन योगिक क्रियाओं के लिए उपयुक्त है?

डा० कर्ष सिंह : कुण्डलिनी तो वास्तव में शक्ति का स्वरूप है और जहाँ तक मैं देखता हूँ कुण्डलिनी का स्त्री स्वरूप नहीं मिलता है। हमारे देश में जहाँ योगी हैं वहाँ योगिनी भी बहुत मारी हैं। मैं समझता हूँ कि इसके लिए स्त्रियों का शरीर बिल्कुल उपयुक्त है और पुरुषों से अधिक उपयुक्त है।

Copper Ore Deposits located in Bihar

*593. SHRI S R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether promising deposits of copper ore have been located in Palamau District of Bihar; and

(b) if so, action taken to ascertain their worthiness for commercial exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI S. R. DAMANI: At present there is acute shortage of copper and the project which has been established at a cost of Rs. 1.37 crores requires 960 tons of copper ore whereas the availability is only 200 tons per day. In view of this, may I know what steps have been taken to increase the production of copper ore in this country so that this project which is a very costly project, can run to its full capacity?

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV: It is a fact that we are still not self-sufficient in copper and every effort is being made to find deposits of copper ore in different parts of the country. Certain major projects have already been taken up where certain deposits have been located, particularly Dr. Singbum in Bihar, Khetri in Rajasthan, the Agnigundla in Andhra Pradesh, Ambamata in Gujarat, Kalyadi and Chitradurga in Karnataka. Therefore, the Geological Survey of India is making every effort and, with whatever projects we have in hand, we are trying our best to see that the maximum production takes place.

SHRI S R. DAMANI My second question is whether it is a fact that the survey report for the Malanjhand ore deposit was submitted to the Ministry three years ago, but it is still pending. May I know whether it has been examined and, if so, what is the result of the examination?

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV: The detailed project report for Malanjhand has also been received and, in this current budget, money is being made available. All necessary steps are being taken and the necessary money has also been provided because this is one of the best copper deposits that have been located in the country.

श्री श्रीकृष्ण मोदी : मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि खेती से 25 मील की दूरी पर लीकर जिले में हाथी के जो बहुत बड़े बंधार जिले हैं खेती

निकालने की जानकारी आपको दे दी गयी है, उनको जब तक निकाल कर आप खोली में लाने की व्यवस्था कर रहे हैं ?

सम्बन्ध महोदय : बिहार का तवाल है, आप खोली में चले गए ।

श्री नवल किशोर सिंह : आपकी अनुमति से क्या मैं जान सकता हू कि सुताबनो हिन्दुस्तान कापर कारपोरेशन के विस्तार की कोई योजना है और वहां और ज्यादा ताम्बा निकालने की कोई योजना निकट भविष्य में चालू होने वाली है ?

श्री चन्द्रबीर दास मुसानी तथा और कई इलाकों में काम हाथ में लिया जा चुका है, उनके विस्तार के लिए, उनको पूरी एक्सप्लोरेशन के लिए कार्रवाई की जा रही है ।

Crash Plan for Telephone Lines

594 SHRI D D DESAI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are considering a crash plan to have more telephone lines to plug the gap between demand and supply in this regard, and

(b) if so, the outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) (a) and (b) Efforts are continuously being made to provide more connections.

While 86,000 new connections were provided in 1974-75, we have been successful in providing 1.37 lakhs connections in 1975-76. In the remaining three years of the Fifth Plan, it is proposed to provide about 6 lakh connections.

SHRI D. D. DESAI: The Ministry has recently collected over Rs. 100 crores for increasing the connections in the country, but the waiting list is of the order of 7 lakh telephones. Would the Government therefore consider enhancing or activating the programme for increasing telephone connections, on the one hand, and improving the efficiency of the telephone system, on the other, by doing away with such features of the cross-bar systems as are defective and replacing them with electronics—integrated circuits to the extent possible?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): We had, through the advance deposit scheme, collected some 69 and odd crores of rupees and, so far as the waiting list is concerned, the realistic waiting list as on 1st April, is only 28 lakhs. We are trying, as you must have seen, to provide 6 lakh connections and so, we will be in a position to meet the demands. Of course the demand is bound to grow to a very large extent in the coming three years. But, even at the present moment, the House will be happy to know that we have reached a position where, because of the increased activities and the very large number of new connections we gave, except for four viz Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Ahmedabad, we have been able to wipe out the OYT list. Even in Madras, today the OYT list is gone.

So far as the change-over from the cross-bar system to the closed circuit is concerned, the Hon Member might be knowing that moving over to electronics is a decision we have taken and it takes time to do so. We are planning to instal our first indigenous electronic Exchange and we are trying to instal in Delhi a 1000 line Exchange. We have already tried its practical use in the laboratory in the year 1976-77.

SHRI D. D. DESAI: The Hon. Minister has given a very encouraging