

Survey of Potential Ore-Bearing Areas

***1155. SHRI G. VENKATASWAMY :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a survey of potential ore-bearing areas in Mysore, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, East Gujarat and South Rajasthan in the near future ;

(b) if so, the total areas in square kilometres proposed to be covered ;

(c) the time by which this is likely to be completed , and

(d) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on this survey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b) . A contract for conducting an aerial survey of certain parts of the country for locating potential ore-bearing areas has been signed by the Govt. of India with a French Govt. organisation viz. BRGM (BUREAU DE RECHERCHES GEOLOGIQUES AND MINIERES), Paris. Under this Contract, the French organisation is expected to cover selected areas of 80,000 sq. kms. in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Mysore.

(c) The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1973. The duration of the Contract is estimated at 38 months commencing from 24-9-1970.

(d) The cost of this project would be FF 11,583,000 (Rs. 1,56,37,050), of which the Govt. of India will pay FF 9,802,650 (Rs. 1,32,33,577.50) in French currency and the balance amount of FF 1,780,350 (Rs. 24,03,472.50) in equivalent Indian Rupees.

Strike by Restaurant Workers in Connaught Place, New Delhi

***1156. SHRI DARBARA SINGH :** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the workers of some restaurants of Connaught Place, New Delhi, are on strike ;

(b) whether the workers demand implementation of Wage Board's Award, arrears, increase in the service charges, uniforms and other benefits ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). According to the Delhi Administration, workers' main demands relate to increase in service charges and payment of arrears of wages as per Wage Board's recommendations. The Industrial Relations Machinery of the Delhi Administration has already held a number of meetings with the parties and are endeavouring to promote a settlement.

Strike by Workers of Durgapur Steel Plant

***1159. SHRI KRISHNA HALDER :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the one-day token strike of the Durgapur Steel Plant workers on the 3rd June, protesting against the attack by the Central Industrial Security Force and Central Reserve Police Force ;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof ; and