

### 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

(c) whether any action has been taken against those responsible for the attack ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) (a) and (b) To protest against alleged assault on some workers of the Steel Plant, by the Central Industrial Security Force personnel, the workers at the call of the Hindustan Steel Employees' Union, observed a 24-hour strike from 6.00 AM on the 3rd June, 1971. Work on most of the Sections of the Plant was affected by the strike

(c) Police authorities in Durgapur, are enquiring into the matter

**मिलाई इस्पात कारखाने की कोक ओवन बंटारियों में खराबियां**

\*1161. श्री नरेन्द्र सिंह बिष्ट : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कोक ओवन बंटारियों में खराबियां होने और कुछ अन्य विभागों में तकनीकी खराबियों के कारण मिलाई इस्पात कारखाने में उत्पादन पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है तथा कुछ विभागों में काम एकदम रुक गया है;

(ख) यदि हा, तो इसके परिणामस्वरूप कितनी हानी हुई है; और

(ग) क्या उक्त खराबियों को इस बीच दूर कर दिया गया है, और यदि नहीं, तो इसमें देरी के क्या कारण हैं और उन खराबियों के कब तक ठीक किए जाने की आशा है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शाहनावाज खान) : (क) कोक भट्टियों में खराबी 'आ जाने और इसके परिणामस्वरूप कोक ओवन गैस की कमी के कारण मई, 1971 के मध्य से मिलाई इस्पात कारखाने की कुछ इकाईयों में उत्पादन पर प्रभाव पड़ा है। अन्य इकाईयों में कोई तकनीकी त्रुटियां नहीं थी। कारखाने की किसी भी एकाई में उत्पादन ठप्प नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) 1,04,000 टन इस्पात पिण्ड के उत्पादन की हानि होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

(ग) मरम्मत/त्रुटियों को दूर करने का कार्य तेजी से किया जा रहा है और लगभग जुलाई, 1971 के अन्त तक बंटारियों के बिल्कुल सामान्य रूप से कार्य करने लगने की संभावना है।

**Increase in Support Price of Soybean to Encourage its Production in Rajasthan**

\*1162. SHRI N. K. SANGHI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to states :

(a) whether Rajasthan is eminently suitable for the production of soyabean which is now being imported in substantial quantities;

(b) whether due to low support price, Rajasthan agriculturists are finding soyabean cultivation uneconomical when compared to bajra cultivation; and

(c) if so, whether Government have considered the desirability of raising the