

Commission, New Delhi, have already been sent back to Pakistan ;

(b) if so, whether Government have made investigations into the matter ; and

(c) if so, how and under whose permission these persons were allowed to go back to Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

India's New Credit to Ceylon

*246. SHRI JAGADISH BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India propose to give a new credit to the extent of Rs. 6 crores to the Ceylon Government ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The proposal to grant a credit to the Government of Ceylon is at present being discussed with a delegation from the Government of Ceylon.

Foreign Policy Planning Board

*247. SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA :
SHRI J. B. PATNAIK :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state .

(a) the functions of the Foreign Policy Planning Board ; and

(b) whether any sub-Committees have been constituted under it ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) The functions of the Policy Planning and Review Committee are essentially to study, analyse and review foreign policy issues. The proposals of the Committee are of a recommendatory character for decision by Government.

(b) No, Sir.

Tashkent Type Conference

*248. SHRI K. BALATHANDAYUTHAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the reports that Russia is planning for a second Tashkent type of conference ; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) There is no basis for these reports.

(b) Does not arise.

Transit Facilities provided by Ceylon to Pakistan Military Aircraft

*249. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM :
SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Ceylon still continues to give transit facilities for the Pakistan military aircraft flying to Bangla Desh ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government of India thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Government of Ceylon have assured us that they are not permitting the transit of Pakistan aircraft carrying arms, military equipment and armed forces personnel.

(b) Government of India welcome these assurances.

Recommendations of Polish Experts on Re-structuring of Coking Coal Mines

*252. SHRI K. MALLANNA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a team of Polish experts visited India during the month of November, 1971 to advise on problems relating to re-structuring of the coking coal mines taken over by Government recently ;

(b) if so, the nature of recommendations made ; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Discovery of Rich Deposits in Madhya Pradesh

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

(a) whether rich deposits of gold, beryl, copper, cristline graphite, hesalt, pyrophyllite beraites and uranium have been found in Madhya Pradesh .

(b) if so, whether Government would conduct any survey to assess the extent of the deposits and

(c) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) As a result of investigations conducted by Geological Survey of India, sizeable deposits of copper ore in the Malanjkhanda area of Balaghat district, extensive basalt flows in various parts of Madhya Pradesh, minor deposits of barytes in Sidhi district and pyrophyllite in Tikamgarh district have been located. Uneconomic occurrences of gold in Raigarh, Balaghat, Raipur districts and graphite in Surguja district, have been found. No rich deposits of uranium have been located but small indications of radioactivity have been found by the Department of Atomic Energy in certain rocks in Betul, Durg, Raigarh and Surguja districts of Madhya Pradesh. Small occurrences of beryl have been noticed in certain parts of Sidhi, Balaghat, Surguja and Raigarh districts.

(b) and (c). The copper deposits at Malanjkhanda extend over a strike length of about 2.2 km. out of which a strike length of 975 metres has been investigated by drilling and a reserve of 7.14 million tonnes with 1.67% copper has been proved. Further work in this area is in progress.

Further investigations for uranium are also in progress. The other deposits are uneconomic and as such are not being investigated at present.

Discovery of Diamond Belt Near Panna Diamond Belt in Madhya Pradesh

*255. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF : SHRI NARENDRA SINGH :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has reported the discovery of a new diamond belt near Panna diamond belt in Madhya Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Job Security to Employees of Coking Coal Mining Industry

*257. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Federation of Mercantile Employees' Union, Calcutta regarding the job security of the employee, working in the coking coal mining industry

(b) if so, the main points thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the representation ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The above Union has requested for safeguarding the interest of the employees of mercantile firms in Calcutta connected directly or indirectly with the work of the coking coal mining industry by maintaining their *status-quo* position and service conditions.

(c) The matter is under consideration and no final decision has yet been taken by Government.

New Proposals for Expansion of Employment Opportunities

*260. SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZAL-PURKAR : SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formula-