

(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, Drug, 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-

ted new proposals for expanding employment opportunities ;

(b) if so, the number of persons being benefited by way of new employment ; and

(c) the new investment involved in these proposals and the investment per job ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHA-DILKAR) : (a) **Yes**

(b) While precise estimates are not available, large numbers are expected to be benefited by way of new employment opportunities created under the various programmes undertaken by the Central and State Governments, within and outside the Fourth Plan.

(c) While it is difficult to correlate investment per job, the provisions made in the Budget for 1971-72 for some of the more important employment-oriented schemes are given in the Statement which is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Scheme	Budget provision for 1971-72
	Rs. crores
1. Development of small but potentially viable farmers.	6
2. Scheme for marginal farmers and agricultural labour.	3
3. Development of Dry Farming.	2.16
4. Rural Works Programme.	20
5. Area Development-Scheme for development of infra-structure facilities like roads, regulated market, etc.	3
6. Crash Scheme for rural employment	50
7. Special provision for programmes for the educated unemployed (including engineers and technicians).	25

The above provision is exclusive of the amounts to be spent during the year on various other development programmes undertaken by the Central and the State Governments in and outside the IV Plan, which will, *inter-alia* generate, increasing employment opportunities.

Non-Aligned Countries Communique Regarding Bangla Desh Refugee Problem

*261. **SHRI Y LSWARA REDDY :** Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state

(a) whether the Foreign Ministers of 53 non-aligned countries had approved a communique pledging for an international action on Bangla Desh refugee problem ; and

(b) if so, the type of action they proposed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Joint Communique of the Foreign Ministers of the non-aligned countries issued on the 30th of September 1971 contained the following paragraph on developments in Bangla Desh :-

"A humanitarian problem of unprecedented dimensions has arisen as a result of the recent abnormal movement of millions of people crossing international frontiers into India. This massive influx of refugees which is still continuing imposes tremendous burdens on India and calls for early and effective action, including action at the international level, to stem the flow of these refugees, to alleviate their suffering and promote all the conditions necessary which would create confidence and ensure the inalienable rights of the refugees and their return to their homeland safely and speedily."

Reopening of Suez Canal

*262. **SHRI RAJ DEO SINGH** Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state .

(a) whether there is now a prospect of the Suez Canal being reopened ; and

(b) if so, whether Government have begun planning of trade in the matter ?