

**SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM :** The hon. Member must be aware that one of the licences granted for an Electric furnace continuous casting plant is to the Steel Complex Ltd. in which the Kerala State has a share.

But, so far as the establishment of an integrated steel plant is concerned, there is no proposal at present before the Government of India from the Government of Kerala.

**SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA :** Is it a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has also applied for a licence for setting up a mini steel plant at Kothagudem ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** Once you replied about Kerala, you must reply about Andhra also.

**SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM :** Not to my knowledge. I am not aware of it, but, if the hon. Member wants to know, I can get the information.

**SHRIMATI T. LAKSHMIKANTHAMMA :** Sir, the question is about my constituency. Recently, the Mini Steel Plant Team visited Kothagudem to report on the feasibility of establishing a mini steel plant at Kothagudem and they have suggested the establishment of a mini steel plant in the public sector at Kothagudem. I would like to know as to when this will materialise.

**SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM :** The hon. Member is not correct in stating that the U. N. D. P. team's visit to Kothagudem has anything to do with the setting up of a plant there.

**SHRI G. VISWANATHAN :** With regard to the licences given for mini steel plants, we understand that most of them are given to the private sector compared to the public sector undertakings of the State Governments. I want to know from the Government why they prefer the private sector for giving these licences ?

**SHRI PILOO MODY :** Always.

**SHRI G. VISWANATHAN :** And also I want to know whether it is not a departure

from the Industrial Policy Resolution of the Government and also does the Government believe that socialism can be ushered in quicker by granting licences to private sector ?

**SHRI PILOO MODY :** Because it produces.

**SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM :** The hon. Member is entirely incorrect in insinuating.

**SHRI G. VISWANATHAN :** That is not insinuation.....

**SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM :** I state again—the hon. Member is entirely incorrect in insinuating that the private sector has been preferred to the public sector. On the contrary, six Letters of Intent have been given to State Government undertakings and no State Government undertaking has been refused a licence at all. Two licences have been given in the joint sector and only the rest have been given to the private sector.

**SHRI G. VISWANATHAN :** How many were given to the private sector ?.....  
(*Interruptions*)

**MR. SPEAKER :** Mr. Piloo Mody, you are doing it too much.

**SHRI PILOO MODY :** The Minister first said that it is an insinuation. You heard the word 'insinuation'. The hon. Member on this side said that it is a fact. Then again he said that it is an insinuation. Is there to be no '*kulasa*' on all these things ?

**SHRIMATI T. LAKSHMIKANTHAMMA :** You are allowing Mr. Piloo Mody to make virtually a running commentary.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Don't get involved with them.

Kumari Kamla Kumari.

Survey for Gold in Bihar and Maharashtra

\*667. **KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey has been conducted for gold in Bihar and Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the extent of success achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

Preliminary investigations carried out by the Geological Survey of India for gold at Kunderkocha Seng river, Sausai in Singhbhum district of Bihar have been discouraging. Detailed Prospecting by drilling of Lawa area (Bihar) has been completed in 1971 and final report is being prepared. Exploration by drilling of Mysera block in Singhbhum district, Bihar is in progress.

Preliminary investigations for gold in Bhiwapur Pauni areas have revealed presence of gold bearing quartz veins at Kolari, Mokhabardi and Pular areas. Maharashtra Detailed investigations showed quartz veins at Mokhabardi and Pular of no economic significance. Results of drilling and analytical results of samples obtained so far have shown presence of 6.9 grams of gold per tonne in one meter thick, 125 metre long quartz vein in Kolari. Further drilling is in progress.

कुमारी कमला कुमारी : क्या मंत्री महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि बिहार में गची की स्वर्णरेखा नदी में जो छोटे मोटे सोने के कण पाये जाते हैं उसके कारण क्या वह उमका संरक्षण करने की जरूरत नहीं समझते हैं ?

श्री शाहनवाज खान : हमने संरक्षण किया है लावा के इलाके में और सिंहभूम के इलाके में। इस जगह पर जियोलाजिकल सर्वे ने योज की थी। बदकिस्मती से वहाँ ज्यादा अच्छे आसार नमूदार नहीं हुए हैं।

कुमारी कमला कुमारी : रांची में किया गया है या नहीं किया गया है। स्वर्णरेखा में

कुछ कण पाए गए हैं, इसलिए हमें उम्मीद है कि वहाँ सोना मिलेगा।

श्री शाहनवाज खान : कुंदरकोचा मुकाम के ऊपर सोना दरिया में भी यह खोज की गई और वहाँ से जो कुछ मिला वह बहुत कम मिला है।

श्री एम० रामगोपाल रेड्डी : नाम ही सोना है तो वहा सोना खूब होगा।

SHRI VASANT SATHE : In Vidarbha near Nagpur some university professors doing research had discovered.....

MR. SPEAKER : Don't give information. Ask a question. Maharashtra does not entitle you to ask irrelevant question. Ask a straight question.

SHRI VASANT SATHE : They had discovered gold-findings near Nagpur. I want to know the information from the hon. Minister about that.

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN : It is nothing worthwhile.

#### Negotiation Machinery on Major Ports

\*689. SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision on the constitution of the negotiating machinery on major ports; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ?  
THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) No, Sir. The matter is still under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA : Is there any likelihood in the near future of the Government coming to a decision in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K.