

की थी वह 51.3 परसेंट थी। अब राजस्थान में 100 फीसदी हो गई है। हम लोगों ने डेली डिलीवरी की जो व्यवस्था की है वह 1977-78 तक हम रोज दे रहे हैं, और इसमें कोई कमी नहीं है, और पूरे देश में जो 99.5 परसेंट डेली डिलीवरी है वह दे रहे हैं।

श्री बोलत राम सारण : यह बिलकुल गलत है।

श्री राघवजी : क्या मंत्री जी बतायेंगे हिन्दुस्तान में ऐसे कितने प्रदेश हैं और कौन कौन से प्रदेश हैं जहां पर कि.....

MR. SPEAKER: The question pertains to Rajasthan only; it does not arise.

श्री बोलत राम सारण : अध्यक्ष महोदय, राजस्थान में ऐसे गांव भी हैं जहां सुबह से लेकर शाम तक पोस्टमैन कोई जाता ही नहीं है, एक नहीं ऐसे सैकड़ों गांव हैं।

श्री बेगाराम चौहान : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहूंगा कि आपने कह तो दिया, जो हालत आपने बतायी, मैं सही हालत बताता हूँ कि मैंने खुद यहां से लैटर दिया और वह लैटर 9 दिन में भेरे घर पहुंचा।

एक माननीय सदस्य : टिकट लगा था कि नहीं ?

श्री बेगा राम चौहान : मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि कोई पोस्ट आफिस का साधन नहीं है। आप बतायेंगे कि कब तक पोस्ट आफिस में जो कर्मचारी हैं वे सही ढंग से काम करेंगे या माराब पीकर वहां बैठे रहेंगे ?

श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुबबेच साय : अगर ऐसी कोई शिकायत है तो माननीय सदस्य बतायें हम जांच करेंगे। और पोस्ट आफिसों के बारे में और भी सुविधायें हम लोग देना चाहते हैं, और देंगे।

MR. SPEAKER: It is better to enquire because serious complaints are coming.

Minerals on Border of Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri

*974. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the minerals found on the border of Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri; and

(b) the details in this regard and the step proposed to be taken by Government for further survey of minerals in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK):

(a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Minerals found in the border areas of Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts, West Bengal are mainly lead-zinc ore and coal. Besides, in Jainti-Buxa-Duras area of Jalpaiguri, substantial deposits of good grade low silica dolomite are found. Minor occurrences of limestone, clay and calcareous tufa are also reported from this region

(b) The estimated reserves of lead-zinc ore in Gorubathan area in Darjeeling district are 1.57 million tonnes with 4 per cent lead and about 6 per cent zinc. The dolomite deposits in Jainti-Buxa-Duras area of Jalpaiguri district are estimated to be of the order of 590 million tonnes. Discontinuous seams of coal have been found to occur in a narrow belt extending over a distance of 80 k.m. in the southern part of Darjeeling district bordering Jalpaiguri. Recent surveys by the Geological Survey of India have also indicated 5 to 6 thin coal horizons between Lish Nadi and Chel Nadi. The Geological Survey of India is carrying out further investigations for lead-zinc and coal in Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts during 1977-78

(October 1977—September 1978) field season.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling, Cooch Bihar and West Dinajpur are within the jurisdiction of North Bengal—a most neglected and backward area too. North Bengal consists of hilly areas. An unlimited hidden treasure of minerals lies in this area, but no serious survey and investigation by drilling has been made so far. A large quantity of dolomite, coal, copper, lead and zinc deposits are available there. In view of this, I would like to know from the hon. Minister, as to under the guidance of Geological Survey of India (a) how many geophysical surveys have been carried out in that particular area, (b) how much area of North Bengal was covered by geological systematic mapping and (c) how many meters were drilled till March 1978 in that area.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: The hon. Member wants to know what has been done in this respect. I have given that information in my detailed statement.

MR. SPEAKER: He wants to know, how many surveys have been made and how much area has been covered.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: The geological and geophysical surveys are a continuing process; mapping is also a continuous thing. There is no question of number of surveys, therefore as such. Detailed survey and detailed drilling is done to establish the total deposits in the area. This also is a continuous thing.

MR. SPEAKER: How much area has been covered?

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: I have given that in the statement. I have stated that the dolomite deposits are estimated to be of the order of 590 million tonnes. This could not have been done unless there was a detailed survey. The hon. Member will be glad to know that it is going to be exploited on a basis of partnership

between the Central Government and the State Government of West Bengal. We are trying to utilise this low silicon dolomite for the steel plants. For the first time a certain discovery of this low silicon dolomite has been made in North Bengal and we are going to exploit it.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: It will be a matter of high costing if the ore of North Bengal is sent to Khetri in Rajasthan or Ghatshila in Bihar for smelting purposes. There is also another copper, lead and zinc deposit area at Rangpo in Sikkim which is not far away from Gourubathan. So my question is: whether the hon. Minister will be able to state if the government will set up a copper, lead and zinc complex in North Bengal and make necessary arrangements for smelting there.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK: I would like to inform the hon. Member that wherever this complex ore copper, lead and zinc—is there, there has yet been no satisfactory process anywhere in the world to separate this combination. Therefore, a plant on an economic scale cannot be established by utilising these ores. In Sikkim vast quantity is there but it is a composite ore and, therefore, it is very difficult to separate it and the process has not yet been found. Although our national laboratories are dealing with it, and laboratories the world over are dealing with it, yet no satisfactory process has been established.

वर्ष 1977 में नियुक्त व्यक्तियों में अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जनजातियों के व्यक्तियों की प्रतिशतता

*975. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या विदेश मंत्री निम्नलिखित जानकारी दशाने वाला विवरण सभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1977 में मंत्रालय में कितने व्यक्तियों को रोजगार दिया गया और उनमें