

(b) the reasons for not holding the regular meeting?

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** (a) and (b). The last meeting of Central Zonal Council was held on 28th August, 1960. It was proposed to hold a meeting of the Council in November, 1961, but due to the preoccupation of the Members of the Council with general elections and other pressing State matters, the meeting had to be postponed.

#### **New Universities in Third Plan**

**\*316. Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has appointed a committee to advise on the proposals of various State Governments to establish new universities during the Third Plan period;

(b) if so, who are the members of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has so far held any meeting; and

(d) if so, the details of its deliberations?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (1) Dr. D S Kothari, Chairman, University Grants Commission.

(2) Dr. A. L. Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, Madras University.

(3) Dr. A. C. Joshi, Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University.

(4) Shri Prem Kirpal, Education Secretary, Government of India.

(5) Shri S. Bhoothalingam, Finance Secretary, Government of India.

(6) Prof. M. V. Mathur, Department of Economics and Public Administration, University of Rajasthan.

(7) Secretary, University Grants Commission.

(c) Yes, three meetings.

(d) The Committee has not yet made final decisions. It is not considered advisable to disclose their discussions at this stage.

#### **Polish Collaboration in Coal Industry**

**\*320.** { **Shri A. V. Raghavan:**  
**Shri Oza:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether a deep shaft mine, the first of its kind in India is being sunk at present in Sudamdih with technical and financial collaboration of the Polish Government.

(b) when this project is expected to be completed;

(c) whether any exploratory talks were held with Poland for widening Polish-Indian collaboration in mining in view of the persistent coal shortage in the country; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Yes; the Sudamdih deep mine is being developed with Polish collaboration, which will bring in new techniques of sinking shafts.

(b) On present indications, this mine is expected to go into initial production in 1964-65.

(c) Since the industrial demand for coal is fast increasing, and Polish techniques are highly advanced, the possibility of further widening the scope of Indo-Polish collaboration in the matter of developing deep shaft mines is being explored.

(d) Does not arise at this stage.

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**\*321.** { **Shri Sham Lal Saraf:**  
**Bakshi Abdul Rashid:**  
**Shri Abdul Ghani Goni:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state: