

May I know whether we are receiving any such assistance from the INTERPOL and if not, why not?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have to find out what it is. So far as I am concerned, I am not keeping myself so completely well informed as the hon Member opposite seems to be in this particular matter.

Construction Allowance to Class IV Employees

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Menon:
Shri A.K. Gopalan:

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

(a) whether construction allowances have been granted to Class IV staff employed at steel projects;

(b) if so, the number of workers benefited, and

(c) why this allowance has not been granted to Class III staff?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) 688

(c) The allowance is also paid to Class III staff

राजस्थान में तांबे की खानें

*४५१ श्री रघुनाथ सिंह क्या इस्पात, खान तथा ईंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि भलवर (राजस्थान) क्षेत्र में कुछ पुरानी तांबे की खानें हैं, और यदि हा, तो क्या सरकार उन से खनिज निकालने के लिये कोई ठोस कदम उठाना चाहती है ?

इस्पात, खान और ईंधन मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) जी, हा। इस क्षेत्र में लगभग प्राचीन दर्जन पुरानी खानें हैं। भारतीय खनिज विभाग प्रायः इस क्षेत्र का विस्तृत प्रवर्धन कर रहा है। प्रवर्धन से जो परिणाम प्राप्त

होंगे उन के आधार पर यह फैसला किया जायेगा कि इस क्षेत्र में खनिज निकालने के लिये प्रायः बढ़ना सम्भव है या नहीं।

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Will the hon. Minister give the English translation? Hon Members require it

Sardar Swaran Singh: Yes, Sir. There are about half a dozen old workings in this region. Detailed prospecting is presently being done by the Indian Bureau of Mines. On the results obtained it will be decided whether it will be possible to undertake mining.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यहाँ का तांबा अच्छी क्वालिटी का है।

Sardar Swaran Singh: It will be very difficult for me to define exactly the quality, but the metal content usually ranges between 37 per cent. to 94 per cent in some of the old mines. Some of the rich samples have indicated a metal content of more than 10 per cent, the highest metal content recorded in one of the samples so far is 19 per cent. It is known that there is ore of mineable quality, but the grade-wise assessment is still to be made.

Shri Kasliwal: May I know whether Government will float any company in order to exploit the copper mines and may I know whether

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Only one "may I know" at a time

Sardar Swaran Singh: As I have said, some more investigation is necessary before we embark upon the floating of a private company or decide to do it in the public sector.

Shri Kasliwal: The hon. Minister will recall that there were some rich copper deposits in the region of Khetri, Jaipur, which were exploited by the Jaipur Mining Company. May I know whether that company or any