

Shri M. M. Das: So far as the construction of the buildings is concerned, we are to depend upon the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. I think they are taking up this matter with earnestness.

Shri Ramakrishnan: May I know how many centres Government propose to start for training of mining engineers in India?

Shri M. M. Das: That is a difficult question for me to answer just now. So far as Andhra Pradesh is concerned, there are two other institutions where mining engineering will be started, one for diploma courses at Gudur, and another at the Engineering College of the Osmania University for degree courses.

उत्तर प्रदेश में सोने के निक्षेप

*४८८. **श्री भक्त वंशन :** क्या इस्पात, खान और इंधन मंत्री ७ सितम्बर, १९५५ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या १५४८ के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत गढ़वाल जिले व उत्तर प्रदेश के हिमालय क्षेत्र में 'अल्यूवियल' सोने की खोज व उपयोग करने की जो योजना विचाराधीन थी, उसे कार्यान्वित करने को दिशा में इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

खान और तेल मंत्री (श्री के० बे० मालवीय) : वास्तविकता को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह विचार किया गया है कि निर्देशित प्रदेशों में "अल्यूवियल सोने" के लाभदायक शोषण की सम्भावना बहुत ही कम है इसलिये दूसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना में इस कार्य के लिये कोई धनराशि नहीं रखी गयी है ।

Shri V. P. Nayar: May we have the answer in English also since the question relates to gold?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: No amount has been earmarked for this in the Second Five Year Plan.

श्री भक्त वंशन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि पिछले प्रश्न का उत्तर देते हुए जो यह कहा गया था कि द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में इस के लिये कोई व्यवस्था की जा रही है, वह आश्वासन किस आधार पर दिया गया था?

श्री के० बे० मालवीय : बात यह है कि हिमालय से निकली हुई जो नदियां हैं उन के बालू के कणों में कहीं कहीं सोना पाया जरूर गया है, लेकिन कमर्शल स्केल पर उस का उत्पादन हो सके, ऐसा सिद्ध नहीं हो सका । जांच पड़ताल करने के बाद हम इसी नतीजे पर आये हैं कि बालू से सोना निकालने की जो योजना थी उस में कोई वास्तविकता नहीं है । इसलिये रकम नहीं रखी गई ।

श्री भक्त वंशन : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी के उत्तर का यह अर्थ है कि यह योजना हमेशा के लिये समाप्त कर दी गई है, या यह कि आगे कभी इसे हाथ में लिये जाने की आशा की जा सकती है ?

श्री के० बे० मालवीय : इस वक्त जो इत्तला हमारे पास है उस से तो हम इसी नतीजे पर पहुंचते हैं कि इस काम के लिये कोई धनराशि रखने की जरूरत नहीं है क्योंकि जो मालूमात हमारे पास हैं उन से मालूम पड़ता है कि इस में सोना निकलने वाला नहीं है ।

श्री भक्त वंशन : क्या मैं

उपस्थित महोदय : अब तो आशा ही नहीं है ।

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know whether Government have examined the possibility of collecting gold from rivers in other areas such as the Suvarnarekha and some rivers in Orissa?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is a general question.

Shri P. C. Bose: There is also alluvial sand there.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: If you permit me to explain, I have tried to state on previous occasions that theoretically it is possible to extract some gold from the sands of Suvarnarekha or any other Himalayan river, but it has now been established that there is no river which will give us a commercial quantity of gold. Therefore, it is, not worth doing.

Shri V. P. Nayar: In what state does gold occur in this region, whether in the form of quartz or in the form of pyrites?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am not aware of it.

श्री भक्त बर्ज़न : क्या गवर्नमेंट के ध्यान में यह बात आई है कि उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के जिम्नोलॉजिकल विभाग ने इस सम्बन्ध में कोई अच्छी सम्मति दी है और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में उन से भी परामर्श और सहयोग लिया जायेगा ?

श्री के० रे० मास्कीय : जो हमारी राय की वह तो मैं ने बतला ही दी ।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : जब कुछ करने का इरादा ही नहीं है तो राय क्यों लेनी है ।

Shri Ansar Harvani: Has the Government of Uttar Pradesh approached the Government of India for further assistance for prospecting and mining in Almora Hills?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is quite a different question.

Life Insurance Corporation

*489. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to his statement on the 24th May, 1957 and state the steps taken so far to modify the structure of Life Insurance Corporation?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): Government has been watching the performance of the Life Insurance Corporation with a

view to assessing the adequacy of its structure to fulfil the tasks ahead of it. No decisions have yet been taken.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether the working of the Corporation is being reviewed or will be reviewed shortly in the light of experience that has been gained, with a view to make certain changes that may be necessary?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): I think the hon. Member has in mind the statement I made in the House during the last session regarding the need for reviewing the administrative structure of this Corporation. I have been looking into this matter. I find that some amendment of the Act will be necessary if I am to undertake a radical revision in the administrative structure. I do not think the time is yet ripe for coming before the House with an amendment. But we are trying to do what we can without undertaking an amendment of the Act to rationalise the administrative structure to the extent that is possible. The hon. Member will also know that we have before us what is called the Lal Committee's Report. The implementation of that Report is now under way. The whole matter will have to be considered in relation to the implementation of that Report and the consequences that will arise therefrom, before we could place any proposal before the House for reorganisation of the administrative structure of the Corporation.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether a Committee called Lal Committee was appointed to investigate the causes of alleged favouritism and nepotism in the Corporation, and if so, whether the Committee has submitted its Report, and action thereon has been taken?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I did mention just now that the question of implementation of the recommendations of the Lal Committee would also necessitate certain changes in the administrative structure.