

इमारतों के नक्के तैयार हो गये हैं और नीचे का काम शुरू हो गया है। इमारती सामान मुक्तदाम में लाकर उस जगह पर इकट्ठा किया जा रहा है।

(क) ४७,१५७ रु० ६५ न० ५०।

(ग) स्पष्ट है कि अक्टूबर १९६० तक बेसस प्रयोगशाला का निर्माण पूरा हो जायेगा। सारी प्रायोजना पूरी होने की आखिरी तारीख इसी निश्चित नहीं की गई है।

#### Mechanisation in Iron Ore Mines

\*153. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Supplementary on Starred Question No. 882 on the 28th August, 1959 and state:

(a) whether thousands of workers in various iron-ore mines are likely to face unemployment as a result of introduction of labour-saving devices (mechanisation);

(b) whether mine-owners took prior permission from the Government;

(c) the number of workers already rendered idle at present; and

(d) the number of those provided alternative jobs?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a), (c) and (d). No, excepting that in the case of Noamundi mines, out of an estimated surplus of 5,000 about 3,000 workers are being absorbed by TISCO and efforts are being made to find alternative jobs for the remaining workers.

(b) This is not obligatory under any labour law.

#### Antarctica

\*154. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:  
} Pandit D. N. Tiwari:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has in any way been associated with the framing of a set of principles aimed at prescribing Antarctica as a "peaceful area";

(b) whether India was invited to participate in the international conference to evolve a treaty in this regard held in U.S.A. in October, 1959; and

(c) if so, the nature of such participation?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) to (c). No, Sir. India was not invited to participate in the conference on Antarctica.

#### Loss of Man-Days in Cement Industry

207. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state the number of man-days lost since April, 1958 due to lock-outs, lay-off and strikes in cement industry?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): From April 1958 to August 1959, 3,82,166 man-days were lost due to strikes in the Cement industry involving 10 or more workers. No lockout was reported during this period. Information relating to lay off is not available.

#### Import and Export Licences

208. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases received by the Investigation and Vigilance Division of the Import and Export Trade control organisation during 1959 so far;

(b) out of them how many were disposed of departmentally and how many were handed over to the Special Police Establishment; and

(c) the nature of action taken and how many persons were convicted, black listed and placed on the Suspense List?