

Rules for the Central Civil Services and corresponding rules for other services.

Bomb Explosion in Harike Village

*726. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 981 on the 21st March, 1960 and state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in the inquiry instituted into the bomb explosion in the village of Harike, near Amritsar as a result of which one boy was killed and another seriously injured; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Yes, Sir. The report of the Court of Inquiry has been received by Government.

(b) A statement containing summary of the proceedings and the findings of the Court of Inquiry is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 97.]

Indo-Stanvac Petroleum Project

*727. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to wind up the Indo-Stanvac Project because of failure in exploration of oil and gas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total loss anticipated?

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

(b) Details are under consideration, and the extent of the anticipated loss will be worked out.

High Altitude Protective Equipment

*728. **Shri Keshava:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt has been made to locally manufacture antifrost

ointment and the protective equipment used in high altitudes; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) and (b). The bulk of the protective equipment supplied to the troops for use in high altitudes, is manufactured indigenously. No anti-frost bite ointment has been introduced in the Service, as the existence of such ointment is not known. Certain precautions to ward off the hazards of severe winter at high altitudes, such as the use of Lip Salve for preventing lips from cracking and foot-powder for preventing trench-foot have, however, been prescribed.

Nubian Monuments of Egypt

*729. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state whether India is also contributing along with other nations of the world to protect the Nubian monuments of Egypt which are going to be submerged under waters of the High Level Aswan Dam?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): The Government of India have made certain proposals in this behalf.

Coal Washery at Durgapur

*730. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri Nek Ram Negi:

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

(a) whether the Coal Washery Plant at Durgapur Steel Project is ready for production of washed coal;

(b) if so, whether it has started its production; and

(c) what is the present daily output of the washery?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The Coal Washery of Durgapur Steel Plant started washing coal from the 2nd April, 1960.