

TUNGSTEN

*1299. **Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** (a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state where and in what quantity Tungsten is found in our country?

(b) Where is it exported to?

(c) If it is not exported, how much and of what value is lying unsold?

(d) What is our present requirement and what steps are being taken to increase its production?

(e) What is the price of one ton of ore of Tungsten at present and what was it two years back?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (e). A statement giving the available information is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, when received.

STATEMENT

(a) The Director, Geological Survey of India has reported that the only fairly promising and also producing deposits of wolfram (tungsten ore) in India are those of Degana (26°50' 74°20') in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The occurrences mentioned below of this mineral in this country have proved to be of little or no economic value.

(1) Chhendapathar (22°15' 86°45'). Bankura Dt., W. Bengal.

(2) Kalimati (22°46' 86°17'), Singhbhum Dt., Bihar.

(3) Jher (22°35' 73°42'), and Paila (22°34' 73°42') Baria, Bombay.

(4) Agargaon (79°29' 21°6') Nagpur District, M.P.

(e) The information given in January 18, 1951 issue of the *Engineering and Mining Journal*, New York, shows that the price of tungsten-ore WO₃ Ore of good quality was Rs. 21,517 per short ton or Rs. 24,000 per long ton.

The prevailing market rates are not known.

Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta: May I know whether any technical foreign advice was sought for Degana Mines in Rajasthan? If so, what are its main recommendations? If not, do Government propose to do so?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not think there is any necessity to seek any foreign advice on this matter. Our experts

of the I.B.M. know fully well about it.

Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta: May I know whether it is a fact that in Rajasthan, tungsten was not allowed to be exported when it was fetching a good price, and compelled to sell here at a lower price?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not know that but it is a fact that the mining in the Jodhpur area may be sealed off under the recommendations of the Indian Bureau of Mines.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know, Sir, what is the requirement of tungsten for alloy tools for electric lamp filaments and radio tubes in the country, and also how much of this internal demand is met by tungsten available here?

Mr. Speaker: I think it is a question to be put to the hon. Minister for Commerce and Industry.

Shri V. P. Nair: No, Sir. The question is: 'whether and in what quantity tungsten is found in our country'.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: As regards the quantity at present available in the country, there is stock of 20 to 30 tons in Rajasthan. The Tata Iron and Steel Co. do not at present consume any quantity. Slightly more accumulation of stock is expected, but the Rajasthan Government is exporting it to other countries.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

PROTESTS BY KANNADIGAS AGAINST INCLUSION OF BELLARY TALUK IN ANDHRA STATE

*1300. **Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that strong protests have been lodged by the Kannadigas against the inclusion of the Bellary Taluk in the newly established Andhra State;

(b) whether Government are prepared to re-examine the case of Bellary Taluk in view of these protests; and

(c) whether the Boundary Commission would be allowed to go into this question thoroughly and to recommend any change if found necessary?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes; certain representations have been received.

(b) As explained in the Prime Minister's statement made in the House on