

पुनर्वास बोर्ड में हरिजन

*१३०७. श्री पी० एल० बाबूपाल : क्या पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पुनर्वास बोर्ड के प्रादेशिक कार्यालयों में कितने कर्मचारी हैं और उनमें हरिजनों की संख्या कितनी है ?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): The Displaced Harijan Rehabilitation Board has been wound up.

श्री पी० एल० बाबूपाल : माननीय उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा प्रश्न हिन्दी में है, इसलिये माननीय मंत्री जी मुझे उत्तर हिन्दी में देने का कष्ट करें।

पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० लैन) : डिस्प्लेस्ड हरिजन रिहैबिलिटेशन बोर्ड बन्द कर दिया गया है।

MANGANESE MINES

*1308. Shri Wodeyar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of manganese mines in production in various parts of India at present;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there has been wasteful exploitation of this important ore; and

(c) what action Government have taken to prevent such wasteful exploitation?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) About 250.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Bureau of Mines is reported to have found out in 1950 that large quantities of manganese ore are thrown into the dumps as waste material by some of the manganese mine owners and that some wasteful practices are adopted in manganese mining.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 77.]

Shri Wodeyar: May I know the number of mines statewide?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: If the hon. Member puts down an unstarred question, he will get the answer.

Shri Karmarkar: Yes.

Shri Jangde: May I know whether the Central Government have set up a manganese processing plant in Madhya Pradesh?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

Shri Wodeyar: How much of it is used in the country, and how much is exported?

Shri Karmarkar: I have not got the break-up with me at the moment.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri rose—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: This relates to internal production and wastage. How does that question arise?

Now, Shri T. K. Chaudhuri.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: In view of your observation just made, I do not want to put any question.

Shri Basappa: May I know whether, in view of the importance of this manganese ore in these days of warfare, Government are thinking of starting any industry to melt the ore and find some use for it?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Is there any proposal before Government to exploit this resource?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

Shri K. P. Tripathi: Are Government aware that this is one of the most profitable industries in India today, and yet the conditions of labour in this industry are hopeless?

Shri Karmarkar: It is profitable, so far as I know. But regarding conditions of labour, I have no information.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: This question does not relate to labour. How does