

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The important results are as follows:—

As a result of detailed structural mapping, geochemical prospecting and geophysical surveys in the Singhbhum Copper belt Roam Sidheshwar, Rakha mines, Ramachandra Pahar, Tamadungri, Mahuldih and Rajdah blocks appear to be promising areas. Drilling carried out in the 1200 metre long mineralised zone in Roam area, revealed many mineralised sections indicating a possible reserve of 15 million tons of copper. The work is still in progress.

Exploration by drilling in South Karanpura, North Karanpura and Ramgarh coalfields are in progress. In the notified blocks of National Coal Development Corporation in South Karanpura coalfield 1564 million tons reserves have been estimated so far in ten blocks. In North Karanpura coalfield drilling is in progress. In Ramgarh coalfield, one 22.5 metre thick seam and another 3.91 metre thick seam both of caking quality were located by drilling. A reserve of 29.7 million tonnes has been estimated so far. The work is in progress.

(c) Coal is already being exploited by the National Coal Development Corporation. The feasibility of the Roam-Sidheshwar and Rakha mines deposits of copper for commercial exploitation has yet to be established.

Ammunition Manufactured by Ordnance Factories

1583. Shri Brij Raj Singh: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) apart from 12 bore cartridges what other sporting ammunition is being manufactured by our ordnance factories;

(b) whether they are sufficient to meet the needs of the sportsmen; and

(c) at what price they are sold in the market?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):

(a) Apart from 12 bore cartridges, the Ordnance Factories are manufacturing cartridges 8M.M./315" and 22" Rim Fire Ball S.A.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) The current retail price at which these cartridges are sold in the market are:

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| (i) Cartridges | @ Rs. 52 per |
| 8 M.M. '315" | 100 rounds |
| (ii) Cartridges | @Rs. 8.70 nP. pe |
| 22" Rim Fire | 100 rounds. |
| Ball | |

Steel Plant in Ratnagiri

1584. Shri Nath Pai: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a medium scale steel plant at Reddy in Ratnagiri District in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri .C. Subramaniam):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Correspondence Courses

1585. Shri Jedhe: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme regarding the Correspondence Courses recently proposed to be introduced in the Delhi University has since been finalised;

(b) if so, whether it will come into force with effect from academic year 1962;

(c) whether it will be able to enrol all the candidates irrespective of low percentage of marks obtained by them in the Higher Secondary and Intermediate Examinations; and

(d) if not, how Government propose to help those candidates who passed the examinations with low percentage of marks?