

**Kiriburu Iron Ore Project**

1066. { Shri K. L. More:  
 { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
 { Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether Kiriburu iron ore project is going on according to schedule; and

(b) if so, what quantity of refined iron ore will be available for indigenous use after meeting the export commitments?

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The project is progressing according to schedule and is expected to go into trial production by the middle of 1963, well in advance of the time for commencement of exports viz., April, 1954.

(b) The mine is being developed at present for production of two million tons of sized iron ore per annum for export only.

**New Underground Coal Mines**

1007. { Shri S. C. Samanta:  
 { Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to State:

(a) the comparative cost of production and the investment for open-cast and an underground new coal mine opened in the public sector; and

(b) whether technicalities are looked into before a new mine is started?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). Before any new mining project in the public sector is undertaken, whether it is open-cast or underground, its technical details are carefully examined also its overall economics. The costs in individual project depends on a number of variable factors such as geological features of the area, the

depth of shafts in the case of underground mines, the ratio of overburden of coal in the case of open-cast mines and the type of equipment to be installed. The cost of production in open-cast mines is generally less, but then the coal produced is also comparatively of inferior quality. On the whole, therefore, profits in both open-cast and underground mines in the public sector compare favourably with the norm of Rs. 1.75 per ton prescribed by Coal Price Revision Committee.

**Arrest of Chinese Spies**

{ Shri Hem Barua:  
 1008. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:  
 { Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese spies, or agents have been arrested in Assam, Bengal and NEFA since the 26th October, 1962; and

(b) if so, the number for each of the aforementioned areas, separately?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):**

(a) and (b). The total number of Chinese interned since 26th October, 1962, is 2,130 as detailed below:

Name of State	No. of Chinese interned
Assam	1,313
West Bengal	817
NEFA	—
Total:	2,130

These Chinese have been interned as their continuance at liberty was considered prejudicial to the security of the country.

**Arrest of Foreigners**

{ Shri Maheswar Naik:  
 1009. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:  
 { Shri Mohsin:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state: