

Gold Mines in Ramagiri

916. **Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:** Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Bureau of Mines have completed prospecting of gold mines in Ramagiri, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The prospecting operations are still in progress.

(b) Does not arise.

Shifting of Level Crossing near Narsinghpur

917. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level crossing, on the outskirts of Narsinghpur (Central Railway), Madhya Pradesh, is proposed to be shifted consequent upon the doubling of the track on the Jabalpur—Itarsi section.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to build an overbridge for road traffic at the new level crossing, considering that it is situated on a National Highway; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing level crossing No. 278 at the Jabalpur end of the Narsinghpur yard is being shifted by about 580 ft. towards Jabalpur on account of the remodelling of the yard in connection with the doubling.

(c) No.

(d) There is no proposal for providing a road over-bridge at this location as there has been no demand from the State Government for the same.

Export of Plastic and Linoleum Products

918. **Shri Ravindra Varma:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a considerable increase has been registered in the export of Indian plastics and linoleum products during 1964; and

(b) if so, the extent of the increase and the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). According to the statistics recorded by the Plastics and Linoleum Export Promotion Council, Bombay, value of Exports of Plastics and Linoleum products during January to July, 1964 stood at Rs. 228.69 lakhs as against Rs. 97.61 lakhs during the corresponding period of 1963. This increase is due primarily to the export promotion measures.

Institute of Rail Transport

919. **Shrimati Benuka Barkataki:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a new Institute of Rail Transport; and

(b) if so, the objectives and programme of the Institute?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhas Singh): (a) The Government has not set up any such Institute. However, an Institute under the name of "Institute of Rail Transport" has been formed as a registered body with the