

**Indents for Iron and Steel**

405. { Shri Agadi:  
Shri M. Rampure:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of indents for Iron and Steel intended for the Block Development for the Mysore State are pending re-

(b) if so, the quantity of the indents, District-wise of Mysore State;

(c) the dates of the indents;

(d) whether any portion of their indents are released; and

(e) if so, the quantity thus released district-wise?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):**

(a) to (e). It is not possible to indicate the quantity or the corresponding number of indents intended for Block Developments in the Mysore State, as normally the steel required by Block Developments could have been planned through stockholders, who while placing indents on the Iron and Steel Controller, club together various indents from a number of parties. It is not possible to know whether any indent in respect of Block Development is pending planning in the office of the Iron and Steel Controller unless the names of the stockists and the indent numbers and/or quota certificate numbers are indicated. No statistics of district-wise indents in respect of any State are maintained either by the Central Government or by the Iron and Steel Controller. Release of steel to various Blocks may be available with the State Government.

**Foreign Exchange For Training Police Officers**

406. { Shri Agadi:  
Shri Sugandhi:  
Shri Wodeyar:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange granted to the States, State-wise for

deputing Police Officials for training aboard since 1952 to 1960;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Mysore had applied for foreign exchange for sending Police Officials to foreign countries for training purposes during the years 1956 to 1960; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange sanctioned and utilised by the States, year-wise including Mysore State?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai):** (a) and (c). The information will be collected from the State Governments and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) A request for the deputation of their Police Officers for training abroad was received from the Mysore Government in November, 1958. The request was repeated by the state Government on different occasions. However, as the training was not considered essential the foreign exchange facilities were not granted.

**Oil Survey in Gujerat**

401. { Shri S. A. Agadi:  
Shri Sugandhi:  
Shri Wodeyar:

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

(a) whether any oil research survey is conducted in the parts of Virma-gam tract in Gujerat State; and

(b) if so, the details of the results thereof?

**The Minister of Mines and oil: (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Preliminary geophysical survey has been conducted.

(b) The thickness of the sediments in the area appear to be too small for finding oil or gas in appreciable quantities.