

up a sponge-iron plant in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether in view of the growing shortage of iron and steel, Government propose to expedite this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). The question presumably refers to the proposal of the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation to set up a Demonstration Plant at Khammam for the production of 30 000 tonnes of Sponge iron per annum. This is under consideration.

#### Aerial Survey of Hard Rock

2537. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the achievement so far made in regard to the operating of hard rock in the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to undertake any aerial survey with the collaboration of some foreign country and if so, the name of such foreign country and the terms thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) The ground follow up work carried out on the aeronomaly intercepts thrown up by 'Operation Hardrock' have resulted in the emergence of two copper prospects in Rajasthan and one in Bihar and two prospects of lead zinc mineralisation one each in Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. Detailed investigations are in progress to assess their commercial possibilities.

(b) Another programme of multi-instrument airborne geophysical surveys was launched in June, 1971, in collaboration with BUREAU DE RECHERCHES GEOLOGIQUES AND MINIERES, (BRGM), Paris, a French Government organisation. Under this programme, selected areas in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Mysore were covered, aggregating a total coverage of over 80,000 sq. kms. which involved production flying of

nearly 143,000 line km. The survey has just been completed and ground follow up work will commence shortly. There is no proposal before the Government at present, for any other aerial survey in collaboration with any foreign country.

#### मध्य प्रदेश में प्राकृतिक संसाधनों के बारे में सर्वेक्षण

2538. श्री श्रीकृष्ण अग्रवाल : क्या इस्पात और खान मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के खनिज क्षेत्र में प्राकृतिक संसाधनों सम्बन्धी सर्वेक्षणों को शीघ्र पूरा करने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी मोटी रूपरेखा क्या है; और

(ग) 1972-73 के दौरान चातुकम पेट्रोलियम तथा सम्बद्ध क्षेत्रों में कितनी परियोजनायें स्थापित की जा रही है ?

इस्पात और खान मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री शाहनवाज खान) : (क) और (ख). मध्य प्रदेश में आघार चातुको, मैंगनीज, लौह अयस्कों, वाक्साइट और हीरकों जैसे महत्वपूर्ण खनिजों के मामले में, भारतीय भूबैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण द्वारा भूबैज्ञानिक अन्वेषण पहले ही आरम्भ किए गए हैं। इनमें से, समस्त ज्ञात आघार चातु प्राप्तिस्थलों के प्रारम्भिक मूल्यांकन के लिए प्राथमिकतायें निर्धारित की गई हैं ताकि अज्ञात क्षेत्रों में विस्तृत समन्वेषण आयोजित किया जा सके। निम्न फास्फोरस मैंगनीज अयस्क अन्वेषणों के 1972-73 के कार्य सत्र के अन्त तक संपूरित होने और पन्ना में हीरक समन्वेषण के 1973-74 तक संपूरित होने की संभावना है। बस्तर जिले में रऊघाट में लौह अयस्कों के लिये विस्तृत समन्वेषण 1979 तक और बालाघाट जिले में वाक्साइट समन्वेषण के 1973 तक संपूरित होने की संभावना है।

(ग) भारत एल्युमिनियम कम्पनी अमरकंटक और फुटका पहाड़ क्षेत्रों के वाक्साइट

निकोपों पर बाकायित, कोरवा, बिलासपुर जिला में एक लाख टन प्रतिवर्ष की क्षमता का एल्युमिनियम प्रदायक स्थापित कर रही है। हिन्दुस्तान ताम्र लिमिटेड बालाघाट जिले में सालज-खण्ड ताम्र निकोप को विकसित करने के लिए काम उठा रही है।

**Jobbery in organised sectors  
of Employment**

2540. SHRI B. V. NAIK : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of malpractices like jobbery which are rampant in organised sectors of employment like schools, colleges and economic bodies like co-operatives;

(b) whether any investigation has been made or caused by Government into the malpractices in regard to employment including recruitment;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to rationalise these procedures to afford equality of opportunity for all the citizens in the country and to prevent such malpractices; and

(d) whether any investigation team is proposed to be appointed in this connection ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): (a) No. However, specific complaints relating to employment under Government are looked into and action taken where necessary.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Period of waiting for getting  
employment after registra-  
tions with Employment  
Exchange.**

2541. SHRI B. V. NAIK ; will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of years that an unemployed person has to wait on the register of District Employment Exchange before he finds a job; and

(b) whether this waiting period has been lengthening or shortening in the past three years ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): (a) and (b). The information sought for is not available. However, the available information relating to the numbers and period for which job seekers have been on the Live Register of the Employment Exchanges is given in the statement attached.

*Statement*

Year	Number on Live Register according to period (as at the end of September of each year)				
	Less than one year.	1 year or more but less than 2 years.	2 years or more but less than 3 years.	3 years or more.	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1969	21,01,580	7,28,471	3,46,084	2,49,123	34,25,258
1970	24,27,936	8,52,644	4,18,468	2,87,183	39,86,231
1971	26,79,420	11,44,388	5,78,038	5,27,482	49,29,328