

contract system in M/s Bridge and Roof Company (India) Limited, Howrah-1.

(b) if so, the main points listed therein, and

(c) the steps taken by Government to redress the grievances of the work ers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI G VENKATSWAMY) (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course

Fixation of coal price in consultation with the management of power stations

610 **SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether his Ministry had not consulted the management of power stations in fixing coal prices even though these stations were the single largest consumer of coal in the country, and

(b) whether Government propose to constitute a high-powered committee to see that steel and cement required for power projects are made available to them in time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA) (a) The coal prices are not fixed by the Ministry of steel and Mines as there has been no statutory control on coal prices since July 1967. The prices at which coal is supplied to power houses are settled by mutual negotiations between the coal producers and the power house authorities

(b) The Conference of the Chairmen of State Electricity Boards held in June 1973 recommended that a Standing Committee composed of Central Water and Power Commission Department of Steel and the Ministry of Industrial Development should be set up with a view to ensuring adequate and timely supplies of steel and cement for the implementation of power projects. This recommendation is being examined by the Ministry of Irrigation and Power

Geological Survey of Nagaland

611 **SHRI D. P. JADEJA** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether any Geological Survey has been conducted in Nagaland,

(b) whether the survey report has been received by Government, and

(c) if so, the recommendations made therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. By systematic geological mapping an area of 1390 sq km has been covered by Geological Survey of India in Nagaland. Important findings of the survey include occurrences of Coal in Nazira and Jhanj-Disai Coal fields. Coal in Lakhuni and Changkikond in Mokochung district, oil seepage near Lakhuni, Talpug and West Bibura and asbestos near Panchumun and Kurani in the Tezu valley have also been located.

(c) Further work recommended to be taken up in the next Field Programme of the Geological Survey of India for 1973-74 includes systematic mapping in the mineral bearing arcas in Mokochung and Kohima districts, exploratory drilling for coal in Nazira and Jhanj-Disai coal fields and detailed mapping for the magnetite, Chromite, nickel, cobalt mineralisation at Pokpur in Tuensang district.