

HUTTI GOLD MINES

982. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of the gold produced by the Hutti Gold Mines during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the owners of these Gold Mines;

(c) whether Government have considered the nationalisation of these mines; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) The quantity of the gold produced by the Hutti Gold Mines during the last five years and its value calculated at the International Parity Price are given below :—

Year	Quantity in grammes	Value in lakhs of rupees
1963-64	8,95,358	47.97
1964-65	7,86,462	42.14
1965-66	8,30,431	44.49
1966-67	9,18,758	72.82
1967-68	9,16,765	77.37

(b) to (d). The Hutti Gold Mines are operated by the Hutti Gold Mines Company, Ltd., over 90% of whose shares are held by the Government of Mysore.

DECREASE IN INTEREST OF FOREIGN FIRMS FOR ESTABLISHING FERTILIZER PLANTS

983. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :

SHRI D. C. SHARMA :

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI :

SHRI RABI RAY :

SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :

SHRI SITA RAM KESRI :

SHRI D. N. PATODIA :

SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the interest shown by foreign firms for establishing fertilizer plants in India has decreased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
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(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI RAGHU RAM-ALAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific reasons can be given.

(c) To the extent that such proposals are not forthcoming, it is the intention that the public sector should step in and bridge the gap.

EFFECT OF DISRUPTION OF POSTAL SERVICE DUE TO STRIKE ON BANKING BUSINESS

984. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that disruption of Postal services during the recent strike period in the Capital have affected 80 per cent of banking business in Delhi and other parts of the country;

(b) whether any firm assessment has been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken to remedy the situation ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) and (b). No firm assessment of the extent of dislocation of the banking business caused by the recent postal strike is possible. Generally speaking, the bills and remittance business was affected owing to the non-receipt/non-issue of advices.

(c) The strike has already ended and normalcy restored.

मध्य प्रदेश में मेडिकल कालेजों को अनुदान

985. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या स्वास्थ्य, परिवार नियोजन तथा नगरीय विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के प्रत्येक मेडिकल कालेज को वर्ष 1967-68 में केन्द्रीय सरकार ने कितना अनुदान दिया; और

(ख) वर्ष 1968-69 में उपरोक्त मेडिकल कालेजों के विकास हेतु अनुदान देने