

there should be an exchange of civilians of either country held in the other. Due to the war, progress of this proposal was halted. In February, 1972, the proposal was revived and we communicated a list to the Government of Pakistan of Indians held by Pakistan. This list includes Deepak Banerjee and Surajit Ghoshal. The Pakistan Government has replied that the matter is under consideration.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Thank you.

MR SPEAKER : Thank you for not putting supplementaries.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : I only wanted facts.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Prospecting & Planning of Mines of Khetri Copper Project

*892 **SHRI SHIVNATH SINGH :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether comprehensive prospecting and drilling of deposits was not made before developing and starting production in the mines of Khetri Copper Project and now underground prospecting is being done and it is being termed as production; and

(b) whether a copy of the outline of prospecting and planning of the mines of Khetri Project would be laid on the Table of the House ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) Prospecting and drilling has been done for developing and starting production at the mines of the Khetri Copper Project. The work of prospecting and drilling, however, a continuous process and as ore production starts from one part of the mine, the other sections of the mine developed simultaneously for ensuring ore production on a sustained basis.

The underground prospecting include underground drilling and underground mapping. These activities do not produce any ore. Therefore, the question of terming underground prospecting as production does not arise.

(b) The required information is contained in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT—2069/72*]

Purchase of Tractor Trailers and Semi-Gama Trailers by G S I.

*893. **SHRI ANNASAHAB GOTK-HINDE :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether 36 tractor trailers and 2 Semi-Gama trailers purchased by the Geological Survey of India during the March, 1962 to August, 1966, could not be put to use, as the trucks/tractors required to pull the trailers were not available;

(b) whether 30 such trailers were disposed of in June, 1970;

(c) if so, the amount of loss suffered, and

(d) how many of the remaining trailers are still lying idle ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) to (d). During March, 1962 to August, 1966, Geological Survey of India had purchased 56 Tractor Trailers and 5 Semi-Gama trailers, out of which 36 tractor trailers and 2 Semi-Gama trailers could not be put to use as the required type of tractors were not available due to the declaration of Emergency as a result of Chinese aggression and the consequent ban on the import of such tractors for purposes other than Agriculture. Although the trailers were not sent to the field, these were utilised off and on, for local duty, for clearing heavy consignment and shifting of stores.

In June, 30, 1970 trailers of the value of Rs. 1.14 lakhs were disposed of by the D. G. S. & D. for Rs. 0.48 lakhs.

Out of the remaining 8 trailers, two Gama trailers, have since been put to use and the other six have been retained for mounting of drilling Rigs, after suitable modification, to make the Rigs mobile.

China Clay Deposits

*894. SHRI M KATHAMUTHU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated potential of the China Clay deposits in the country;

(b) whether these deposits are not effectively operated at present, and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to improve the operation of these deposits with a view to produce adequate clay for the pottery industry in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S MOHAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) The total reserves of China Clay in India is estimated at 243 Million Tonnes. A statement showing State-wise reserve position is laid on the Table of the House. (Annexure I)

(b) and (c). Most of the deposits are under exploitation. In 1971, 584 thousand tonnes of crude China Clay was produced which is adequate to meet the demand of the pottery industry.

Statement

State-wise Reserves of Chinaclay in India

Bihar	36.11 million tonnes.
Orissa	3.15 " "
West Bengal	101.84 " "
Delhi	1.25 " "
Gujarat	3.60 " "
Kerala	58.82 " "
Mysore	3.19 " "
Andhra Pradesh	16.23 " "
Rajasthan	4.00 " "
Tamil Nadu	12.97 " "
Madhya Pradesh	0.42 " "
Maharashtra	1.10 " "
Assam	0.50 " "
Total	243.18

लंदन और वाशिंगटन स्थित इंडिया सप्लाई मिशनों का निरीक्षण

*895. श्री मूलचन्द्र डागा : क्या पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) लंदन तथा वाशिंगटन स्थित इंडिया सप्लाई मिशन का निरीक्षण गत तीन वर्षों में किस-किस तारीख को किया गया और आखिरी बार ये निरीक्षण कब किये गए थे; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इन निरीक्षणों के दौरान क्या-क्या खामियाँ पाई गईं ?

पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री डी० आर० चट्टाण) : (क)

1--भारत पूर्ति मिशन, लंदन

(1) विदेश सेवा निरीक्षकों द्वारा, जून, 1969 में।

(2) सचिव (पूर्ति) और संयुक्त सचिव (वित्त) द्वारा, जून 1970 में।

(3) विदेश सेवा निरीक्षकों द्वारा, जनवरी, 1971 में।

2-- भारत पूर्ति मिशन, वाशिंगटन,

(1) विदेश सेवा निरीक्षकों द्वारा, सितम्बर, 69 में।

(2) सचिव (पूर्ति) और संयुक्त सचिव (वित्त) द्वारा, जून, 1970 में।

(ख) ये निरीक्षण मुख्य रूप से उन मिशनों की कर्मचारी सम्बन्धी आवश्यकताओं का पुनरीक्षण करने के लिए ही किए गए थे। फिर भी, मिशनों के काम में सुधार लाने के लिए भी कुछ सुझाव दिए गए थे।

Land Allotted to Families Rehabilitated in Dandakaranya Project

*896. SHIRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of families rehabilitated