

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): As I mentioned to you, I am aware that yesterday when the hon. Members mentioned about Kerala I said that it was not possible for me to react immediately. Hon. Members have come to know that the Kerala Assembly has been dissolved. ... (Interruptions) I am coming to it. I promised yesterday that I would give you information about Kerala. I am giving information about Kerala. Just now I got a message, obviously not from the Government sources but a teleprinter message that the Assam Ministry has also resigned. During the day when I get the information! I will inform the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think that is fair enough. Question No. 341.

Oral Answers to Questions

Shifting of the Geological Survey of India Headquarters

•341. SHRI SUDHAKAR
PANDEY: f SHRI PRASENJIT
BARMAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to shift the headquarters of the Geological Survey of India from Calcutta to New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

fThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sudhakar Pandey.

श्री सुधाकर पाण्डेय : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदया बतायेंगी कि जी० एस० आई० के क्षेत्रीय आफिसें कहाँ-कहाँ हैं और वे कैसे नियंत्रित होते हैं और बंगाल का जो मौसम है निष्क्रियता का और कामचोरी का, उससे क्या अवरोध उत्पन्न हो रहा है ?

श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : सर, जी० एस० आई० के छह रीजनल आफिसें हैं, एक का हेडक्वार्टर कलकत्ता, दूसरे का लखनऊ, तीसरे का नागपुर, चौथे का जयपुर, पांचवे का हैदराबाद और छठे का शिलांग है। उसके तीन डिविजंस हैं—एयरबोर्न मिनरल सर्वे एण्ड एक्सप्लोरेशन विंग का हेडक्वार्टर बंगलौर है, कोल डिविजन का हेडक्वार्टर कलकत्ता और आफिशोर मेरीन ज्योलोजी डिविजन का कलकत्ता हेडक्वार्टर है और इन दोनों के हेड डिपुटी डायरेक्टर जनरल होते हैं।

श्री सुधाकर पाण्डेय : बिहार में बहुत सी खानें हैं। पटना में इसका आफिस क्यों नहीं है और उत्तर प्रदेश में आफिस क्यों नहीं है ? क्या इसके खोलने पर आप विचार करेंगे ?

श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : सर, यह बात सही है कि बिहार के अंदर बहुत से मिनरल हैं, न सिर्फ कयले की खानें ही हैं, बहुत से मिनरल डिपोजिट भी हैं। लेकिन वर्तमान में अभी कोई इस तरह का प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

लेकिन पटना में दो सैकिल आफिस हैं जो ईस्टर्न रीजन के अंदर आते हैं।

श्री सुधाकर पाण्डेय : और उखार प्रदेश... (व्यवधान)

श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : लखनऊ में तो रोजनल आफिस है ही, जिसे मैंने पहले ही कह दिया है ।

एक माननीय सदस्य : वह तो बिहार में कहा... (व्यवधान)

SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Geological Survey of India is a prestigious institute of the country and the people of West Bengal are emotionally associated with it since its inception in 1851. Sometimes disturbing reports appear in the press that there is likelihood of the headquarters of the GSI being transferred from Calcutta. Now I am happy to learn that there is no such decision, but still there are some matters which cause our worry. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the GSI Review Committee, which was a departmental committee, had recommended that certain organisations such as AMSE, i.e. Air-born Mineral Survey and Exploration, Division of Integrated Survey, Field Technique Research Unit and Geochronology should be merged into one institute instead of having their separate existence. I want to know what has been done in respect of this recommendation. Moreover, in Calcutta, this GSI has got one very precious library. That library has been suffering from want of accommodation. About the accommodation problem, what has the Government done? And there is one proposal also to build up one laboratory at Kyd Street, Calcutta. What has been done about it? I want to know about all these matters.

SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINGHA: - Sir, about the first part of the supplementary of the hon. Member, I would like to say that the recommendations of the GST Review Committee are under processing; and for the second, according to the increased developmental needs of the organisation, the Government will increase all the facilities concerned, as suggested by the hon. Member. (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. It is not such an important question.

श्रीमती मनोरमा पाण्डेय : माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने कहा कि जी० एस० आई० के हैडक्वार्टर्स को ट्रांसफर नहीं किया जा रहा है । तो मैं उनसे यह जानना चाहूंगी कि क्या पटना में इसका डिभिजनल हैडक्वार्टर्स को खोलने के बारे में विचार करेंगे ?

श्रीमती रामदुलारी सिन्हा : मैंने अभी बतलाया था ईस्टर्न रीजन के अन्दर जो स्टेट पड़ते हैं, उसमें पटना में दो सकिल आफिस भी पड़ते हैं ।

तो वर्तमान में इस तरह का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के समक्ष नहीं है । सरकार माननीय सदस्या के सुझाव पर विचार करेगी ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Only two more questions. (Interruptions)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I had raised by hand earlier. There should be some order.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no such thing as order here.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I hail from Bengal.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You will get a chance; you will get a chance. Have a little patience.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Though like the other hon. Member, I am not coming from West Bengal, even though it is not a very important question to be discussed for a long period, some important problems are involved in transferring the Department from one quarter to another.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But it is not being transferred. The answer is 'No'.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: The question is whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to shift the headquarters...

Ma CHAIRMAN: They have said

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: That is what I say. When we shift the headquarters from one part of the country to another...

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not being shifted. Why are you worried about it?

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Sir, the proposal is there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Then I withdraw my question. Sir.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal offered adequate land with all infrastructure facilities in the Mijia-Saltora area on the south of Damodar, the area known as natural field museum of varied geological formation, for setting up of the Geological Survey of India Training Institute, but that the Central Government set up the said Training Institute in Raipur of Madhya Pradesh on the plea of it being the most suitable place for the purpose? But now again the same Institute is being shifted from Raipur to Hyderabad under consideration of the Minister's comparative merit for the location of such an institute.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the question?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The question is...

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no question.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: This is my question. I place it specifically...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I wish you would do

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: ...whether it is a fact that though the Government of West Bengal offered adequate land.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is not being used?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: At that time it was not used. The proposal was not considered, and the Institute was set up in Raipur in Madhya Pradesh on the ground that that place was most suitable, and now it is being shifted to Hyderabad on the same ground that Hyderabad is comparatively more suitable than Raipur.

SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA: Sir, various sites were considered, and finally the best site was located. It was found that the best site would be Hyderabad. So, it was done.

**अनियमित बिजली के कारण
भारत एल्यूमिनियम कंपनी के
संयंत्रों को हुई क्षति**

*** 342. श्री प्यारेलाल खण्डेलवाल :**
क्या इस्पात तथा खान मंत्री यह बताने
की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विगत
कुछ समय से भारत एल्यूमिनियम कंपनी
के संयंत्रों को, बिजली की अनियमित
सप्लाई के कारण क्षति हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके कारण
एल्यूमिनियम का उत्पादन करने वाले
सेलों को किस सीमा तक तथा कुल
कितनी क्षति पहुंची है ; और

(ग) गत एक वर्ष के दौरान,
इसके कारण भारत एल्यूमिनियम कंपनी
को अपने उत्पादन में हथौड़े के रूप में
कुल कितनी हानि हुई है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRIES OF INDUSTRY
AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI-
MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a)
and (b) The statutory power cuts by
the Madhya Pradesh Electricity