

(b) The limit of free calls on Minister's telephones is 250 calls per quarter as for other subscribers.

Deposits of Vanadiferrous ore in Orissa

323. SHRI C. P. MAJHI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are huge deposits of vanadiferrous ore in Mayurbhanj District in Orissa; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to exploit these deposits in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA) : (a) Vanadiferrous magnetite deposits occur in several parts of Mayurbhanj district of Orissa. So far about 2 million tonnes of ore containing one per cent Vanadium pentaoxide have been proved in Kumardhubi and Betjharan areas and another 3 million tonnes have been inferred from other localities in the district.

(b) A proposal to set up a project for production of Ferro-vanadium in Orissa was under consideration of the Government. It has since been decided that this project should be implemented by Government of Orissa.

Hindustan Everest Tools Ltd. Jethari, Haryana

324. SHRI SUJAN SINGH : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Everest Tools Ltd., Jethari, Haryana has not been depositing Provident Fund Contributions of its workers regularly with Government; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to

take against the management of the Company for the said lapse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. RAM KRIPAL SINHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

News Item Regarding Calcutta Telephones

325. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA; SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in 'Hindustan Standard' of the 6th October, 1977 under the caption "unaccounted man-hours in Calcutta telephones";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to hold any inquiry into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item alleges about—

- (i) Poor out-turn of Trunk operator.
- (ii) Heavy absenteeism of operators.
- (iii) Higher ineffectiveness of the trunk call:
- (iv) Allegation of passing free calls.
- (v) Provision of transport to operators:
- (vi) Poor performance of STD calls:

(c) No, Sir. The absenteeism, the out-turn and the percentage effectiveness of trunk/STD are of the same order as obtaining in other Metropolitan cities.