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Survey of mineral deposits in the country

1435. DR. V. P. DUTT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the number of places in the country which have been surveyed for mineral wealth during the current year and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): The investigation of mineral resources is a continued programme which is undertaken by the Geological Survey of India as well as State Governments' Directorate of Geology and Mining. throughout the country.

Expenditure on Indian Missions

1436. DR. V. P. DUTT Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps Government have taken to reduce the expenditure

on our missions abroad and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): Economy measures applicable to the Government of India as a whole are adopted in Embassies abroad. In addition, 5 per cent cut is applied on foreign allowance of India-based officers and staff, and strict control on local contigencies is exercised with a view to contain the quantum of expenditure.

Besides the working of Missions abroad is kept constantly under review from Headquarters with accent on economy and efficiency. The Foreign Service Inspectorate also inspects Missions as often as possible in order to bring about greater economy and efficiency.

As a result of all these measures a growth in staff strengths and in expenditure has been contained. The

average number of staff per Mission abroad has been reduced from 27 to 26. The average cost per Mission has gone up only by 5 per cent over the last three years; it was Rs. 17.42 lakhs per Mission in 1975-76, and currently it is Rs. 18.29 lakhs. By these measures, the External Affairs Ministry has been able to closely contain the increase in expenditure on Missions.

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1437. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVI-YA:

> SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOUDHURY:

> SHRI NARASINGHA PRASAD NANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the expenditure incurred during the year 1976-77 on the offices of (i) the Indian High Commission in London (ii) the Indian Embassies in Moscow and Washington separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): The expenditure incurred during 1976-77 on the offices of the High Commission London and Indian Embassies in Moscow and Washington and the Supply Wings at London & Washington under the budget of the Ministry of External Affairs is as follows:

- (i) (a) High Commission of India, London—Rs. 195.99 lakhs.
- (b) Supply Wing. London—Rs. 92.11 lakhs.
- (ii) Embassy of India, Moscow—Rs. 71.63 lakhs.
- (iii) (a) Embassy of India, Washington—Rs. 104.79 lakhs.
 - (b) Supply Wing, Washington—Rs. 64.00 lakhs.

Workers employed in iron-ore mines

1438. SHRI KALYAN ROY: SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 514 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1977 and state:

- (a) the number of workers directly employed by each of the private iron ore mine owners who supplied iron ore for export purposes in the Barajamda and the Bellary-Hospet areas;
- (b) the number of contractors in each of these mines and the categories of work handled by them;
- (c) the number of workers engaged by each contractor in these mines;
- (d) the names of the concerns and mines which have fully implemented the recommendations of the Iron Ore Wage Board and paid provident fund dues;
- (e) the names of those concerns and mines which have so far not implemented the recommendations of the Wage Board and failed to pay provident Fund dues; and
- (f) the steps Government have taken in this regard and the results achieved thereby?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected.

Inspection of Mines

1439. SHRI KALYAN ROY: SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 141 given in the Rajya