

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mineral deposits in Maharashtra

1829. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Maharashtra where mineral deposits are likely to be found;

(b) the names of other places and areas in this country where the Central Government have conducted such surveys; and

(c) what is the outcome of these surveys?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) The search for minerals is a continuing process, starting from systematic geological mapping. The promising areas located during systematic geological mapping are taken up for detailed mineral investigations. Major portion of the areas in Maharashtra, of interest from minerals point of view have already been covered by systematic geological mapping. Some parts of the State were also recently covered by multi-instrumental aerial surveys, designed mainly to locate reserves of base metals. Ground evaluation of the results obtained during the surveys is being taken up. Geological Survey of India proposes to conduct during their field season 1974-75, investigations for bauxite in a number of places in Kolhapur and Ratnagiri Districts.

(b) & (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requirements of Additional Funds for National Highways

1830. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government have requested to the Central Government for additional funds for National Highways which are under construction;

(b) if so, what is the amount sanctioned by the Central Government against the State Government's requirements;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government have submitted that the grant is totally inadequate; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to meet the requirements of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) to (d) It is true that the Maharashtra Government have been pressing for larger allocation for the construction (development) of National Highways. However, within the available funds in the context of current financial stringency it has been possible to allocate Rs. 619.00 lakhs only for National Highway (Original) Works in the State during 1974-75 and the State Government have been advised to plan their works activity in a manner so as to contain the expenditure within this allocation. Against Rs. 619.00 lakhs the State Government have spent Rs. 460.85 lakhs upto October, 1974.

उदयपुर में राक फास्फेट की उपसन्धि

1831. श्री कं. एल. शर्मा: क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राजस्थान में उदयपुर क्षेत्र में राक फास्फेट मिलने की क्या संभावनाएं हैं और इस समय कितनी मात्रा में राक फास्फेट के आयात किया जा रहा है;

(ख) भारत सरकार के कहने पर विश्व बैंक द्वारा राक फास्फेट के उपयोग के संबंध बैंक द्वारा राक फास्फेट के उपयोग के संबंध निकला; और

(ग) इस प्रतिवेदन के आधार पर सरकार ने आगे क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

†[Availability of rock phosphates in Udaipur

1831. SHRI K. L. SHARMA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the prospects of rock phosphate in Udaipur region of Rajasthan; and the quantum of rock phosphate which is being imported at present ;

(b) the result of the examination regarding the use of rock phosphate conducted by the World Bank at the instance of the Government of India ; and

(c) what further action Government have taken on the basis of this report ?]

उत्पात और खान मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुखदेव प्रसाद) : (क) उदयपुर जिले के भामर कोटरा, मतान, कानपुर करबारीया-कागुरा इलाकों में एक फास्फेट भंडारों का पता चला है । 1973 में 8,75,000 टन राक फास्फेट का आयात किया गया ।

(ख) और (ग) भामरकोटरा राक-फास्फेट के खनन और परिष्करण के बारे में विश्व बैंक के माध्यम से प्राप्त साध्यता रिपोर्ट का उसके सभी तकनीकी व संगठनात्मक पहलुओं से पुनः अध्ययन किया जा रहा है ताकि पूंजीनिवेश के बारे में फैसला किया जा सके । खानों के लिए व्यापक परियोजना रिपोर्ट बनाने का काम शीघ्र हाथ में लिया जाएगा ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) Rock phosphate deposits have been discovered in Jhamarkotra, Maton, Kanpur, Karbaria-

ka-Gurha areas of Udaipur district. During 1973, 8,75,000 tonnes of rock phosphate was imported.

(b) and (c) The feasibility report obtained through the World Bank, for the mining and beneficiation of the Jhamarkotra rock phosphate, is being further examined in all its technical and organisational aspects to enable investment decisions. Work on the preparation of a detailed project report for the mines is likely to be taken up shortly.]

Plying of DTC Buses from Moti Bagh

1832. SHRI B. PAPI REDDY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that no bus operates from Moti Bagh in New Delhi for commuters going beyond the Central Secretariat ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that two buses, viz. 710 Green Line Service and 7X which operate between Dhaula Kuan and Shadipur Depot do not stop at the midway stoppages ;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce some buses from Moti Bagh on route numbers 9 and 15, which have since been withdrawn, for commuters residing in Moti Bagh I and II, North-West Moti Bagh and in Sector 9 and 12 R. K. Puram, New Delhi ; and

(d) Whether Government propose to appoint inspectors to check plying of buses which do not stop at authorised stoppages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Services on route No. 9 continue to operate from Moti Bagh to Regal during the rush hours. This colony and the areas adjoining it are also covered by a number of other routes operating towards Central Secretariat and beyond. The following seven special trips have also been provided from Moti Bagh to Regal for