

(b) whether the Geological Survey of India is contemplating a Thermal Survey in the area with U.N.D.P. Assistance; and

(c) if not, what steps have been taken to expedite the final report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Preliminary investigation for mercury occurrence near Badagara area, Kozhikode district, Kerala has been completed by the Geological Survey of India and the report is under preparation.

The proposal for a Thermal Survey for Mercury deposits in this area is under consideration of the Government.

#### EXPLORATION OF BAUXITE IN NILESWAR

1097. SHRI S. KUMARAN:

SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIAMENON: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final report on the occurrence of Bauxite in Cannanore District (Kerala) has been received from the Geological Survey of India; and

(b) if so, the progress made in regard to the exploration of Bauxite in Nileswar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Exploration for bauxite in 4 blocks at Nileswar in Cannanore district of Kerala is in progress since October, 1970. Probable reserves of 1.76 million tonnes of Bauxite with 40 to 60% alumina content has tentatively been estimated in Block I where detailed drilling has been completed. Pitting for confirmation of drilling in Block II is in progress and Bauxite horizon upto 6.35 metres thickness has been intersected in 23 boreholes. Preliminary test drilling | 11  
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in Blocks III and IV has been completed and follow up work is in progress.

#### STUDY OF STEEL MAKING PROCESSES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

1098. SHRI M. KAMALANATHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powered delegation recently visited various countries to study steel making processes and other technological problems; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the studies made by the Delegation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: (a) Yes, Sir. A delegation led by Steel Secretary visited some Plants in USA and Western Europe to study the latest development in technology of stainless steelmaking, with a view to select a process which would be suitable for application in the new steel plants proposed to be set up at Salem.

(b) In their Report submitted to the Government they have recommended suitable processes for steelmaking, choice of hot rolling mill and have made recommendations for reducing the capital and operating costs of the Salem Steel Plant.

#### RESERVES IN MINES

1099. SHRI JAMNALAL BERWA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the mine-wise reserves of the mines containing a total of more than 15 million tonnes of coking coals along with the names of each of such mine; and

(b) how much of the total extractable reserve is ready for extraction and what is the cost of such extraction from each mine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND

MINES SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN.) (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**† RETRENCHMENT OF WORKERS FROM CALCUTTA PORT**

644. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 550 workers in the Ore handling sector of Calcutta Port were served with notices of retrenchment from 1st April, 1972; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Notices were served on about 850 workers.

(b) This was due to the reduction in the quantities of iron ore exported through the Calcutta Port.

**B. B. C. TELEVISION BROADCAST**

687. SHRI M.K. MOHTA : SHRI K.C. PANDA: SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL: SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGAR-

LAMUDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government of India has been drawn to a report published in the Hindustan Times dated the 14th June, 1972, stating that the British Broadcasting Corporation in a television broadcast has projected the most alarming and gloomy picture of Bangla Desh and its relations with India; and

(b) if so, whether Government of India have procured a copy of the B.B.C. special film and assessed its implications?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The film, shown over the B.B.C. on June 12, was specially devoted to Bangladesh and its problems. It reviewed the economic and social problems facing Bangla Desh after six months of independence. A considerable part of the programme was devoted to the plight of the non-Bengalis Muslims. Reference to Indo-Bangla Desh relations were very few and only in passing. There was an acknowledgment that India's food aid at the beginning probably saved Bangla Desh twice from death.

(b) We do not normally buy copies of films from television companies unless they are of publicity value to us. No copy of this film has been purchased though a tape of the programme has been made.

**भारतीय नाभिकीय रिप्लेक्टर के सम्बन्ध में अमेरिकी विशेषज्ञों के विचार**

683. श्री पंडरीनाथ सोयाराम जी पांडित :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान कतिपय समाचार-पत्रों में हाल में प्रकाशित इस आणविक के समाचार की ओर दिनाया गया है कि कुछ अमेरिकी विशेषज्ञों के मतानुसार भारतीय नाभिकीय रिप्लेक्टर पर अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय परमाणु शक्ति पत्रों का नियंत्रण न होने के कारण नाभिकीय शस्त्रों के विस्तार को रोकने की नीति के लिए खतरा पैदा हो गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर भारत की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

**AMERICAN EXPERTS VIEWS ON INDIAN NUCLEAR REACTOR**

683. SHRI P. S. PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

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