

पूर्ति मिशन, वाशिंगटन में कर्मचारियों की संख्या शीघ्र ही घटा कर 101 कर दी जायगी।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

[THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY

(SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) The sanctioned strength of the staff in the Offices of the Director General, India Supply Mission in London and in Washington was 200 and 111 respectively at the time of the inspection conducted by the Secretary in the Department of Supply in June, 1970. As a result of this inspection the staff strength of the India Supply Mission, London was reduced from 200 to 185 and of India Supply Mission, Washington from 111 to 104. The staff strength of the India Supply Mission, London has been further reduced to 169, and that of India Supply Mission, Washington will be reduced to 101 shortly, (b) No, Sir.]

**SHORTAGE OF COMPRESSORS AT
MADHYA PRADESH**

544. SHRI SWAISINGH SISO-DIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/

कृषि मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of compressor required for boring tubewells etc. in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There is some shortage of compressors for development of tubewells with the Directorate of Tubewells in Madhya Pradesh.

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(b) The Tubewells Directorate, M.P. is already considering purchase of additional compressors.

SOIL TESTING LABORATORIES IN KERALA

545. SHRI G. GOPINATHAN
NAIR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/

कृषि मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for the establishment by three mobile soil testing laboratories in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether the scheme is likely to be approved for implementation during the current year; and

(c) what is the pattern of assistance for the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government of India will meet the entire capital cost of the Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories; the operational cost including¹ expenditure on repairs and maintenance of the laboratories will be borne by the State Government.

**SUPPLY OF MANGANESE AND IRON ORE; TO
BOKARO STEEL PLANT**

546. SHRI DHARAM CHAND JAIN:
Will the Minister of STEEL AND*
MINES/

इस्पात और खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no arrangements have been made for getting the supplies of Iron Ore and¹ the Manganese Ore to the Bokaro Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES/

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) The Kiriburu Mines are being expanded and developed by the National Mineral Development Corporation to meet the requirements of Bokaro for iron ore. Supplies from the Kiriburu Expansion Scheme which is planned to meet the full requirements of Bokaro for lump ore and fines will not be available before the end of 1974. Alternative sources of supply are being tapped for a part of the requirements in 1972 to 1974. It has already been ascertained that these requirements can be met from Bolani and Noamandi in the Barajamda area and the question of making necessary arrangements for transport has been taken up with the Railways.

The requirements for manganese ore will be met by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation from sources of supply in Orissa.

547. [Transferred to the 4th August, 1971].

**RISE IN THE PRICES OF COAL DUE TO
SHORTAGE**

548. SHRI SIT ARAM JAIPURIA:
SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/

इस्पात और खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of coal through out the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prices of coal have gone tremendously high particularly in rural areas;

(c) what are the reasons for the shortage of coal; and

(d) what steps have been taken or being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES/

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). There has been shortage of coal and rise in its prices in some parts of the country especially northern India.

(c) and (d) This is mainly due to the non-availability of adequate number of wagons for the movement of coal, which in turn is due to the large-scale thefts of wagon parts, overhead wire, signalling and other railway equipment and assaults on railway staff in the Bengal-Bihar areas as a result of the deteriorating law and order situation there. The Government of India is fully aware of the position and is taking steps in consultation with the State Government to improve the law and order situation and restore normalcy in the railway operations.

MINERAL DEPOSITION IN BIHAR

549. SHRI J. P. YADAV: Will the
Minister of STEEL AND MINES

बिहार में खनिज भंडार

549. श्री जगदम्भो प्रसाद यादव :
क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की
कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में
पलामू जिले में खनिज भण्डारों का सर्वेक्षण
किया गया है, किन्तु इस जिले के खनिज
संसाधनों का तकनीकी विकास करने के लिए
अब तक कोई आदर्श योजना नहीं बनाई गई
है; और

(ख) बिहार में सभी खनिजों का व्यौरा
क्या है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mineral
deposits in the Palamau district

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