

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY/ पूर्ति मंत्री (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN):

(a) The expenditure incurred on the Missions for the year 1970-71 was:

I.S.M., London . . Rs. 64.40 lakhs

I.S.M., Washington. Rs. 62.27 lakhs

(b) For I.S.M., London . 1.4%

I.S.M., Washington 0.5%

(c) and (d) The Missions are meant for the purchase and shipment of stores which cannot be procured in India or where purchases are to be made under credits. This results in elimination of delays, economy in cost of items purchased and facility for on the spot discussion with the Manufacturers/Suppliers.

ZINC FACTORIES IN INDIA

***291. SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of Zinc in the country;

(b) number of Zinc factories in the private and public sector in the country and places where these factories are situated;

(c) whether it is a fact that Cominco Binani Limited, Kerala, has been out of production for some time due to the labour trouble; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मंत्री (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM):

(a) Yes, Sir. The present annual requirements of zinc are estimated at 117,100 tonnes as against indigenous production of about 23,000 tonnes.

(b) At present there are two zinc smelters in the country—one in the private sector at Alwaye (Kerala) of M/s. Cominco Binani Zinc Ltd. based on imported zinc concentrates with a capacity of 20,000 tonnes per annum. The other smelter which is in the public sector is based on zinc ores raised from Zawar mines (Rajasthan) and is located at Debari near Udaipur. It has a capacity of 18,000 tonnes per annum and is worked by Hindustan Zinc Limited, a Central Government Company.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. M/s. Cominco Binani Zinc Limited have reported stoppage of production in their zinc smelter at Alwaye due to strike by the workers since the middle of March, 1971. The strike, it is reported, was in protest against disciplinary action taken by the Management against an employee. The matter is stated to have been referred for adjudication consequent on the failure of conciliation proceedings.

GEOLOGICAL MAP

***292. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new geological map has been planned; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मंत्री (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM):

(a) Yes Sir. The Manuscript of the new edition (Seventh edition) of the geological map of India is expected to be completed by 1972.

(b) This new edition would contain additional details pertaining to nature of rock types, their configurations and correlation of units exposed in a really isolated sectors. The complex of information presented in the map will be further diversified by inclusion of considerable details pertaining to geological units, which were represented in a generalised manner in the previous edition.

600. [Transferred to the 7th June, 1971.]

ग्राम समाज की तथा सरकारी बंजर भूमि

601. श्री सूरज प्रसाद : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश के विभिन्न राज्यों में कितनी सरकारी तथा ग्राम समाज की जमीन-बंजर पड़ी हुई है और क्या तत्संबंधी समस्याओं का अध्ययन करने के लिए सरकार ने कोई समिति नियुक्त की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका राज्यवार व्यौरा क्या है ; और