

CLOSURE OF PURE KENDA COLLIERY

796. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 884 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th May, 1970 and state:

(a) whether the Pure Kenda colliery, West Bengal has been closed down, if so, from which date, and the total number of workers affected by it;

(b) whether proper notice for closure under Rule 40 of the Coal Mines (Conservation and Safety) Rules, was given by the Management;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what action has been taken against the owner and management, and the results thereof; and

(d) what is the amount of royalty due from this colliery and what steps are being taken to recover it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI NITI RAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY):

(a) The Pure Kenda colliery issued notice to workers on 1st November, 1970 for closure with effect from 6th December, 1970. Total number of workers who may be affected, including staff, come to about two hundred.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Colliery Company has been instructed by the Coal Board not to close down the mine as no notice has been given to them under Rule 40(1)(A) of Coal Mines Conservation and Safety Rules. They have also been informed of the consequences of unauthorised closure. Further action will arise, if colliery disobeys the Coal Board's directive.

(d) It is reported by the Government of West Bengal that the amount of royalty due to them from Pure Kenda Colliery as on 31-3-70 was Rs. 72,051.73. The State Government is taking further action to recover the royalty due to them.

RESTORATION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA

797. SHRI MTARAM TAIPURIA:

SHRI NENDER SINGH:

SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has recently invited India for talks regarding restoration of full diplomatic ties between India

and China and whether a formal communication has been received from China in this regard; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

U. S. CULTURAL AND INFORMATION CENTRES IN INDIA

798. SHRI INDKR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Embassy in India has agreed to reopen some of the Cultural Centres and Information Centres which were closed on May 16, 1970; and

(b) if so, their number, and the terms that Government have imposed on their functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) As mentioned in reply to Unstarred Question No. 1217 on 20th August, 1970 the framework within which the establishment and functioning of foreign cultural centres may be regulated is under the consideration of Government. There is no question of reopening as branches of foreign missions, the cultural centres which were closed by May 16, 1970.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा छापामार हमले के बारे में
रक्षा मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री का बक्तव्य

799. श्री राजनारायण : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री श्री नरेंद्र सिंह महीड़ा ने हाल में इस आशय का बक्तव्य दिया है कि पाकिस्तान बम्बई पर छापामार हमला करेगा ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

**||8 STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE REGARDING A
GUERRILLA TYKE ATTACK BY PAKISTAN**

799. SHRI RAJNARAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Narendra Singh Mahida, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence has recently made a statement to lite effect that Pakistan will make a guerrilla type attack on Bombay; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter?!

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : (क) तथा (ख) समाचार पत्रों की रिपोर्टों के अनुसार चन्दा दिवस अभियान का उद्घाटन करने हुए "अपना जवान-उन का कल्याण" पर बम्बई में बोलते हुए रक्षा के लिये राज्य मंत्री द्वारा 28 अक्टूबर 1970 को कहा गया बताते हैं, कि पाकिस्तान इस्त्राइल की तरह मार कर भागने के युद्ध की तैयारी कर रहा है, और उसके पहले लक्ष्यों में बम्बई एक लक्ष्य होने की संभावना है। मंत्री ने जो कुछ कहा था उसकी यह गलत रिपोर्ट थी। मंत्री ने स्पष्ट किया है कि उन्होंने कहा था कि जब जब भी पाकिस्तान ने बाहर से आयुध प्राप्त किये थे उसने हमारे देश पर आक्रमण किया था, और कि संयुक्त राज्यों द्वारा आयुधों की पाकिस्तान को सप्लाई ने इस्त्राइली आक्रमण के किम्म के आक्रमण के संकटों को शक्ति प्रदान की है। उन्होंने सतर्कता की आवश्यकता और सभी सीमावर्ती राज्य में असैनिक प्रतिरक्षा को बढ़ावा देने पर जोर दिया था।

ffTHF. MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI TAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b) According to newspaper reports, while speaking in Bombay on "Our Jawans—their welfare" after inaugurating the Flag Day drive, the Minister of State for Defence was reported to have stated on 28th October 1970 that Pakistan was preparing for a short hit and run Israeli type of war and that there was a possibility of Bombay being one of the first targets. Tin's was an incorrect report of what the Minister had stated. The Minister has clarified that he had said that every time Pakistan acquired fresh arms from outside they attacked our country and that the recent arms snpply by the United States to Pakistan had strengthened fears of an

Israeli type attack. He stressed the necessity for vigilance and lite need to gear up civil defence in all border States.]

NATIONALISATION OF FOREIGN ON. COMPANIES 800. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to nationalize the foreign oil companies in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) No.

हिन्दी लेखकों आदि को विदेशों में भेजना

801. श्री राजनारायण : क्या वंदेशिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 8 नवम्बर 1970 के 'धर्मयुग' में प्रकाशित श्री महेशदास मसूडा की उस टिप्पणी की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें ब्रिटेन की हिन्दी साहित्य सभा के महा मंत्री श्री जगदीश मित्र कौशल द्वारा यह कहा गया है कि भारत सरकार को हिन्दी के प्रचार के लिए हिन्दी लेखकों, कवियों, पत्रकारों तथा प्रकाशकों को विभिन्न देशों में भेजना चाहिए ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है; और यदि नहीं, तो उसके कारण क्या हैं ?

(h) Does not ari->e.

**t[SiNDiNG OF HINDI WRITERS ETC.
ABROAD**

801. SHRI RAJNARAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to Mr. Mahesh Das Masoodha's comments published in the Dharmvug dated the 8th November, 1970, wherein Mr. Jag-disli Mittra Kanshal, general Secretary of the Hindi Sahitya Sabha in Britain is reported to have said that the Government of India should send Hindi writers, poets, journalists and publishers to various countries of the world for the propagation of Hindi; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor?]