

(b) if so, what steps Government are going to take to meet the shortage of this material?]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Some shortage of iron ore has been reported. Raw material for making Zircon has to be imported. Although import of raw material for making Zircon has been increased, the question of further increasing the imports of this raw material will be considered.

MOSQUITO MENACE IN DELHI

1100. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :
SHRI BHOLA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing mosquito menace in the capital; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The control of mosquito menace in the capital is the responsibility of the various local bodies concerned, the Railways, and the Army in their respective areas. The following measures have been taken :—

(1) Anti-larval measures have been intensified.

(2) DDT spraying is being continued along the riverine belt as well as in the slum areas and labour camps, which are potential source for malaria in Delhi.

(3) Officers of the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme assist the local authorities in checking mosquito breeding.

(4) A Coordination Committee constituted by the Delhi Administration meets periodically to review the problem and recommend suitable measures.

CLOSURE OF SALTORE COLLIERY

1101. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Saltore colliery near Asansol has been closed down recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of workers affected by the closure; and

(d) the steps taken to reopen the colliery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI NITI RAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Unsafe working conditions.

(c) 852.

(d) The Director General, Mines Safety has noticed that further mining operation in this mine is hazardous and fraught with dangerous consequences. In view of this, the question of reopening the colliery now does not arise.

CENTRAL BANK, LONDON BRANCH FRAUD CASE

1102. SHRI MONORANJAN ROY :
SHRI NIREN GHOSH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Manager of the Central Bank of India visited London recently to investigate the alleged fraud committed by the former London Branch Manager of the Central Bank of India;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether the Manager of the Central Bank of India also held consultations with the officials of the Ministry of Finance recently; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b) A Manager from its Head Office was sent by Central Bank of India in May, 1970 primarily for the purpose of proceedings against Shri Sami Patel after taking legal advice. As certain foreign banks, which were holding the bills purported to have been guaranteed by