

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

TAMING OF RIVER BRAHMAPUTRA BY
PAKISTAN

*663. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Pakistan have sought India's permission for taming the river Brahmaputra; and

(b) if so, what is the Government of India's reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

MINING OF EMERALDS

*668. SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation has recently approached the Government of Rajasthan for permission to mine emeralds in the Ajmer-Udaipur diamond belt; and

(b) whether any other interests have already been mining emeralds in the said diamond belt?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) Yes, Madam. The National Mineral Development Corporation has applied to Government of Rajasthan for the grant of Prospecting Licence for emeralds in Ajmer Division near village Naulakha in Tehsil Ajmer and near village Dalakuna in Tehsil Nathdwara and Derana Gunda in Tehsil Amet of Udaipur Division.

(b) Emerald mining in Rajasthan dates back to 1943. There are six mining leases for emerald in the State, out of which four have been determined

by the State Government. Holders of these leases have gone to the Court of Law and have obtained stay orders. These persons are working with very little equipment and labour force.

A. R. C. RECOMMENDATION ON THE PAY
SCALES OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES

*673. SARDAR RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the recommendation made by the ARC recommending changes in the pay scales of the Central Government employees;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is proposed to set up a fresh pay commission to consider the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The Administrative Reforms Commission has not submitted any report recommending changes in pay scales of Central Government employees.

(b) Does not arise

(c) No, Madam.

*674. [Transferred to the 28th March, 1969.]

PUMPING OF IRON ORE FROM MINES TO
THE PORTS

*675. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey was conducted recently with some American experts to explore the possibility of pumping iron ore through pipelines from the mines to the ports;