

Experimental single-phase lines with earth returns have been suggested for adoption in areas where the distances are comparatively great and loads are small.

The States have been advised to give training to their workmen so that the cost of construction may be brought down to reasonable levels.

In the past, copper conductors were used for low-voltage distribution lines. Since this is a costly proposition and requires foreign exchange, steel reinforced aluminium conductors for high tension lines and all-aluminium conductors for Low tension lines are being used for rural lines for keeping down the capital costs.

The Indian Standards Institution have framed national specifications for line supports, distribution transformers, conductors and insulators, so that the Indian manufacturers may be in a position to supply the same at competitive rates. This will also bring down the capital outlay on rural distribution schemes.

(b) The above studies are of a continuing nature, and it is difficult to assess to what extent the capital cost of rural electrification has been brought down so far or can be brought down ultimately.]

†NEWS-STANDS, ETC., AT BUS STOPS

131. SHRI U. S. DUGAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Delhi Municipal Committee have decided to put up news-stands and food kiosks at the major Delhi Transport Undertaking bus stops in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, when this decision is likely to be put into operation?

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

†DISCOVERY OF NEW GOLD REEFS IN MYSORE MINES

262. SHRI R. K. BHUWALKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new gold reefs have been discovered in Mysore mines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) and (b) Among the Gold Mines in Mysore State, the Central Government is concerned with the administration of Kolar Gold Mines only. A gold reef has been recently discovered in the southern extension of the property of one of the three Mines in Kolar viz. Mysore Mine. Development is only to a shallow depth (63 feet) so far, but deeper development has been taken in hand. An extension of the Champion Lode, the major reef of Kolar Gold Fields, has also been traced in the southern part of the Mysore Mine in an area hitherto considered barren. No definite figures for tonnage or grade of ore can be quoted at this early exploratory stage.

There is also a report from the Hutti Gold Mines, which are under the control of Mysore State Government, that four new gold reefs have been discovered and a total of seven reefs are known in the property of these Mines. Of these seven reefs, six are currently being explored.

†VISIT OF DELEGATION OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EXECUTIVES

280. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 20-man delegation of American business

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