

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b) Some deposits of lignite have been found by the State Government in village Khari in Bikaner District, Rajasthan. The State Government are conducting investigations to find out the extent of the reserves, and to establish the economics and the feasibility of mining these deposits. Any further action will be possible only after these investigations are completed.

CRACKS IN BLAST FURNACE OF H.S.L.

*435. SHRI DHANANJOY MOHANTY: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cracks have appeared in the foundation of the 4th blast furnace of Hindustan Steel Limited, Rourkela, which is under construction; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the crack?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b) Some time back, certain hair-line cracks appeared on the top portion of the foundation of Fourth Blast Furnace under construction at Rourkela. The preliminary report of the Committee set up to investigate the matter has revealed that the cracks appear to have been caused by drying shrinkage of concrete. The general view is that these cracks are superficial and not likely to affect the strength of the foundation. This will be thoroughly examined again before the equipment is erected and if necessary remedial measures if any will be taken.

ATTACK BY A MOB OF MIZO TRIBES

*436. SHRI P. ABRAHAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a mob of Mizo tribes attacked some officials of the Border Road Task Force and

looted the pay of the staff on 7th January, 1964; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GULZARI LAL NANDA): (a) and (b) On the evening of 7th January, 1964, two labourers of the Border Road Organisation Camp at Zema-bawk, near Aijal, reported to the Camp Commander that they were robbed of their purses by some local people while they were returning home after receiving their pay. One suspect was brought to the camp for enquiry by the Camp Commander. He was taken away from the camp later by the Members of the Village Council. At about 1-30 A.M. on 8th January, 1964, about 200 Mizo young men armed with various lethal weapons including guns, surrounded the camp. Both the Village Council President and the Camp Commander tried to pacify the mob, but the mob became violent and attacked the camp from different directions. They killed the Camp Commander and injured 11 members of the Border Security Force and Border Road Task Force. The Border Security Force opened fire in self-defence as a result of which one Mizo was killed and some were injured.

तेल उद्योग के लिए वर्कशॉप

*६९. श्री राम सहाय : क्या पेट्रोल तथा रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) तेल उद्योग के लिये आवश्यक साज सामान का निर्माण करने वाले जो वर्कशॉप बड़ौदा तथा देहरादून में हैं, उनके कार्य की क्या प्रगति है ; और

(ख) क्या तेल तथा प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति के लिये इन वर्कशॉपों का वर्तमान उत्पादन पर्याप्त है ?

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