

constituent colleges are governed by the same Study Leave Rules as are applicable to the teachers of the Delhi University.

587. [Transferred to the 17th December, 1963.]

CLOSURE OF MICA MINES IN BIHAR

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the closure of a number of mica mines in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such closure; and

(c) what is the number of workers affected thereby and what action Government propose to take to provide them with alternative employment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) According to the notices received by the Director, Indian Bureau of Mines, under the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1958, a total number of 42 mica mines are reported to have been temporarily closed and 5 mines permanently closed against 39 mines re-opened and 19 new mines opened during the period January to November, 1963.

(b) The main reasons from time to time, for the closure are reported to be (i) slackening of demand for particular varieties in the international market; (ii) rainy season; and (iii) inadequate supply of explosives.

(c) The total number of workers affected by the closure of mica mines is reported to be about 750, while the new mines opened and mines re-opened are reported to have provided employment to more than 500 workers. Workers rendered unemployed due to closure of mines are given retrenchment compensation, where entitled.

OVERSTAY OF PAKISTANI NATIONALS IN MEERUT

589. SHRI BANSI LAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news-item published in a weekly "March of the Nation" dated December 7, 1963, regarding overstaying by some Pakistani nationals in Meerut; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the overstay and frequent visits to Meerut of these Pakistani nationals are for purposes of spying in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R. M. HAJARNAVIS): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

†SUGGESTION MADE BY SURVEY AND PLANNING UNIT OF C.S.I.R.

590 SHRI DHANANJAY MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the suggestion made by the Survey and Planning Unit of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research regarding their contribution to defence science and industrial development; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to utilise the experience of the scientists hereafter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) The survey was undertaken to ascertain the trends in the deployment of resources in the field of scientific research.

(b) The results of the survey will help in future outlay of resources for scientific research and utilisation of scientific talent.

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