

SEALING OFF OF GHANASHYAM COLLIERY

562. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of the Ghanashyam Colliery have complied with the rules before sealing off the Colliery;

(b) how many workers have been rendered unemployed by this closure;

(c) whether retrenchment or layoff compensation has been paid to the workers; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RATANLAL KISHORI-LAL MALVITYA): (a) The fire resulting in the closure of the Colliery is reported to be due to the violation of Regulation 118(4) of the Coal Mines Regulation 1957.

(b) 248 workers have been rendered unemployed.

(c) and (d). Retrenchment compensation has not yet been paid to the 82 workers to whom it is due. The matter is under negotiation between the parties.

ब्रिस्टल के चिड़िया घर में सफ़ेद शेर और शेरनी का स्वास्थ्य

५६३. श्री राम सहाय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत से जो सफ़ेद शेर और शेरनी ब्रिस्टल के चिड़िया घर को भेजे गये थे, क्या उन्हें वहाँ की जलवायु माफ़िक आई है ?

[HEALTH OF WHITE TIGER AND TIGRESS IN BRISTOL ZOO

•563. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the white tiger and tigress which were sent by India to the Bris-

tol Z'oo, have found the climate of that place congenial to their health?

प्रधान मंत्री तथा वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू): ऐसा लगता है कि वे वहाँ की जलवायु से अभ्यस्त हो गए हैं और अच्छी तरह हैं ।

t[THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU): They appear to be acclimatised, well and happy.]

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MODIFICATIONS IN THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED WITH THE VOICE OF AMERICA

564. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any modifications have been agreed to by the United States of America in the agreement between India and the Voice of America for supply of a high-powered transmitter; and

(b) if so, what are the modifications agreed to?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) No Sir. Talks between the Ministry of External Affairs and the U.S. Embassy are still going on.

(b) Does not arise.

SHIFTING OF DEFENCE RESEARCH LABORATORY (STORES)

565. SHRI ARJUN ARORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government propose to shift the Defence Research Laboratory*-' (Stores) from Kanpur?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMIAH) : No, Sir. It has, however, been decided to accommodate the over-flow from Defence Research Laboratory