

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) At the meeting of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission held on 23-2-1963, it was decided (1) to intensify exploratory activity in the Assam and Gujarat areas, (2) to start fresh exploratory work in the Jwalamukhi and West Bengal areas, (3) to undertake further exploratory work in the Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, (4) to initiate drilling work in the Cauvery basin and (5) to utilise contract drilling to the extent possible and necessary for fulfilling desired targets of performance. The Commission also decided to organise its way of work so as to decentralise greater authority to the projects for expeditious execution of the expanded programme of work.

283. [Transferred to the 19th March 1963.]

NORTH EAST FRONTIER AGENCY SHOWN AS PART OF RED CHINA IN THE BOOK "THE CULTURE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA"

284. SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a map showing North East Frontier Agency as part of Tibetan area of Red China has been included in a book entitled "The Culture of South East Asia" published by the National Book Trust; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the publishers?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) and (b) The map does not show the North East Frontier Agency area as such. It is in fact intended to show only the relations and sea routes between India and the Indo-Chinese Peninsula. All the same, the Publications Division through whom the book has been published have decided to withdraw copies of this book and to remove the map in question.

BLACK SHEETS

285. SHRI M. M. SUR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rourkela Steel Plant has started rolling black sheets of thickness 0.5 MM and lower;

(b) if so, what are the probable dates on which these sheets are expected to be despatched from the steel plant; and

(c) when such sheets will be available for small scale industries producing vitreous enamelled wares for Civil and Military productions?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Despatches are being made to various parties according to the planning made by the Iron and Steel controller.

WALLS CONSTRUCTED IN FRONT OF SHOPS AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

286. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that walls were built in front of shops in various markets in Delhi;

(b) whether these walls were built as a precaution against air raids;

(c) whether it is a fact that subsequently it was found that these walls were useless; and

(d) what was the cost of putting up these walls and who was responsible for issuing wrong instructions?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) Such walls were constructed by the Delhi Municipal Corporation in certain bazars.

(b) Yes.

(c) No. These walls afford protection in air-raids but, for the present, their construction has been discontinued.