

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): So far the Hindustan Machine Tools Limited, Bangalore have exported 21 Milling machines and one H26 Lathe to West Germany. Orders for the export of 2 Milling machines to West Germany are under execution. The company have also arranged to export 31 Lathes to Messrs. Oerlikon Machine Tool Works, Zurich, Switzerland. The possibilities of exporting machines to U.S.A. are being explored.

COST OF RAISING COAL AT SUDAMDIH

769. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of raising coal at Sudamdih will be higher than that of the private sector collieries; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) National Coal Development Corporation's Sudamdih mine will be worked at a greater depth than any of the mines in the private sector, working in the neighbourhood. As the cost figures of private sector collieries are not published, it is difficult to compare the cost of raising coal at Sudamdih with that of the collieries in the private sector. The project report for the Sudamdih mine is under preparation and the economics of the project will be known only after the project report has been prepared.

(b) Does not arise.

NON-AVAILABILITY OF COAL AT N.C.D.C. COLLIERIES

770. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether it is a fact that at some of the quarries and collieries of the National Coal

Development Corporation the wagons meant for movement of coal are pulled out empty due to non-availability of coal?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): With its present level of production the National Coal Development Corporation loads about 14,000 wagons per month. Loading of wagons on a particular day depends on several factors, such as availability of wagons at particular times, availability of labour, production of coal being according to schedule or not, such production itself being dependent on various factors inside the colliery. It is quite possible therefore, that sometimes, though rarely, all the wagons cannot be loaded due to one or more of the above reasons, but the reason is not necessarily nonavailability of coal always.

OFFICERS BELONGING TO S.C.S.T. IN LAW MINISTRY

771. SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of LAW be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Class I, Class II and Class III officers serving in his Ministry;

(b) the number of officers belonging to the Scheduled Castes serving in Class I, Class II and Class III posts respectively; and

(c) whether the percentage fixed for recruitment of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been completed, and if not, what is the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW (SHRI A. K. SEN): (a) Class I .. 64

Class II .. 147

Class III .. 176

(b) Class I .. Nil

Class II .. 10

Class III .. 10

(c) A large number of officers of all these categories belong to the services controlled by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the responsibility for ensuring representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in those Services rests with that Ministry. The quota prescribed for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Special Representation roster in other Class I, Class II and Class III posts for which this Ministry is directly responsible is not complete, as suitable Scheduled Castes/Tribes candidates with requisite minimum qualifications were not available although the posts were advertised as reserved posts.

PROFIT EARNED BY H.M.T.

772. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Machine Tools Limited earns a 25 per cent. return on its capital; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the cost of the machine produced by the Hindustan Machine Tools Limited in order to help the new industries to cut down their investment and cost of production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b) During the financial year 1961-62 the Hindustan Machine Tools Limited, Bangalore earned a net profit of 24% on its share capital. The selling prices of the machines are being maintained at 10 to 20% below the landed cost of imported machines of equivalent quality. Government see no reason to reduce prices further. Such public enterprises as can make substantial profits must do so in order that they may make the maximum possible contribution to Plan resources. It may be recalled that we have planned for contribution of Rs. 450 crores to Third Plan resources by public enterprises (excluding Railways) from out of their surpluses. Moreover, it

is only after a few years' working to full capacity that we can judge whether any particular public enterprise will continue to make substantial profits steadily.

मध्य प्रदेश में कोरंडम की खानें

७७३. श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरडिया : क्या खान तथा ईंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में कोरंडम की खान कहाँ कहाँ पर हैं ;

(ख) इनमें से कौन कौन सी खानें इस समय बंद पड़ी हैं और कब से बंद पड़ी हैं ;

(ग) इन खानों में काम शुरू करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ; और

(घ) इन खानों में काम कब तक शुरू हो जाने की आशा है ?

†[MINES OF CORUNDUM IN M.P.]

773. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Madhya Pradesh where mines of corundum are located;

(b) which of these mines are lying closed at present and since when they are lying closed;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to start work in these mines; and

(d) by when work is likely to be started in these mines?]

खान तथा ईंधन मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री प्रार० एम० हजरतबीस) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश में कोरंडम की खानें पिपरा और कारकोटा गांव, तहसील सिंगरीली, जिला सिधौ में स्थित हैं।

†[] English translation.