

(a) whether it is a fact that new coal reserves have been found in the Godavari belt and also in the Nuzvid area of Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the estimated extent of the coal-bearing area; and

(c) what is the quantity of coal expected from these areas?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) No investigation for coal has recently been undertaken by the Geological Survey of India in the Godavari belt. However, the existence of coal in the Godavari Valley is known for a long time.

Indications about the existence of coal in the Nuzvid Taluq of Krishna District have recently been inferred by the Geological Survey of India from a few boreholes drilled for water by private agencies.

(b) In the Nuzvid taluq the boreholes in which indications for coal have been found are situated over a length of about 3½ miles (5.6 kms). The extent of the possible coal bearing area has not yet been determined.

(c) Does not arise.

PERIODIC REVIEW REGARDING THE UTILISATION OF SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS

*215. { SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO
 SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has asked all the Ministries to make a periodic review to find out scientists and technologists whose services are not fully utilised in the various Departments; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such scientists and technologists?

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(SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) All Departments have been requested to review from time to time whether any scientists or technologists employed under them are not being utilised to the best advantage, and to initiate action to eliminate as far as possible, cases of mal-adjustment of scientists and technical personnel.

(b) No estimate is possible. Departments employing scientific and technical personnel have to review the position periodically and identify individual cases of mal-adjustment or under-utilisation.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH E.N.I. OF ITALY FOR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PETROL

*216. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage are the negotiations which are being conducted with E.N.I. of Italy for the disposal of surplus petrol; and

(b) what are its implications in respect of the future of oil industry in India?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) No formal negotiations have been conducted; this is still in an exploratory stage.

(b) The full implications of the development of a new market for export have not yet been studied.

SALE OF PRIZE BONDS

*217. SHRI GURUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government have decided to stop the sale of Prize Bonds from 1st July, 1962; if so, why?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA): No, Sir. It is not Government's intention to discontinue the Prize Bond Scheme. What has been decided is that the Prize Bonds which are repayable on 1st