

will commence on the 2nd of May and will be completed within a fortnight. Portuguese ships will be waiting in Karachi to take the Portuguese personnel to Portugal.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: May I know whether any progress has been made in regard to the Indians who have been suffering hardships in the Portuguese Colonies?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON: We have taken up the matter with the United Arab Republic and they, through the Brazilian Government, with the Portuguese Government and something will come out of it very soon.

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL: On a point of order, Sir. I would like to ask as to how it happens that I am bracketed with my hon. friend in regard to this particular question.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: I have no objection.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your question has been bracketed? Time is over now.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: He does not like to be bracketed with him.

INDIAN TERRITORY UNDER UNLAWFUL AND FORCIBLE OCCUPATION OF PAKISTAN

f tSHHi M. S. GURUPADA
*240. ■/ SWAMY:

LSHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total area in square miles of Indian territory under the unlawful and forcible occupation of Pakistan as on the 16th April, 1962; and

(b) the number of military bases, check-posts and other installations

•fThe question was actually ^sked on the floor of the House by Shri M.S. Gurupada Swamy.

which have been constructed by Pakistan on the occupied territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON) : (a) The total area forcibly occupied by Pakistan in the Jammu and Kashmir State of the Indian Union, as worked but on a Survey of India map on the scale 1" to 15:783 miles, is 32283 square miles.

(b) While the Government of India are aware of the existence of Pakistan military bases etc. in Pakistan occupied territory, they consider it inadvisable to make the information public on grounds of security.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

FACTORIES CLOSED FOR WANT OF COAL

•241. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many factories had to remain closed on account of shortage of coal during the year 1961-62 state-wise; and

(b) the number of labour days lost on account of the closure?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI) : (a) and (b) The information is not readily available and is being collected.

INDIAN SETTLERS IN JOHANNESBURG

*242. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will th_e PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indians settled in Johannesburg affected by