Shri R. M. HAJARNAVIS: Because there is greater concentration of the mineral on the Madras side than on the Kerala side.

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SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware that before independence some survey was conducted and gold was detected there?

Shri R. M. HAJARNAVIS: There is some percentage of gold reported but the exact percentage has not yet been ascertained. As a matter of fact, the presence of gold there is known for the last 150 years. It was prospected roundabout 1880 and it was extracted for about 12 years, but not more than 600 Ounces of gold were extracted during the period. The mining activity ceased roundabout 1893. There will be a more intensive survey now.

SHRI GOVINDAN NAIR: May I know, Sir, the hindrance in starting the survey on the Kerala side?

Shri R. M. HAJARNAVIS: I said that there is possibility of greater concentration on the Madras side than on the Kerala side.

सरकारी विभागों में हिन्दी का प्रयोग

*२७२. श्री गुरुदेव: क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत सरकार के किन किन विभागों ने सरकारी काम में हिन्दी का प्रयोग ग्रारम्भ कर दिया है?

†[Use of Hindi in Government Departments

*272. Shri GURUDEV: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the names of the Departments of the Government of India which have started the use of Hindi in the official work?]

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी० एन० दातार): सभी मंत्रालय व विभाग मार्च, १६६१ में जारी किये गये हिन्दी के उत्तरोत्तर प्रयोग से संबंधित योजना के प्रनुसार कार्यवाही कर रहे हैं।

[†THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): All Ministries and Departments are taking action in accordance with the plan or programme for the progressive use of Hindi issued in March, 1961.]

श्री गुरु देव: क्या में जान सकता हू कि इस एक्शन का क्या परिणाम हुन्ना श्रीर क्या अन्य कार्यों में भी हिन्दी का प्रयोग होने लगा है या एक्शन हो लिया जा रहा है ?

(No reply.)

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know, Sir, what form Hindi in official work has taken so far?

Shri B. N. DATAR: If the hon. Member will kindly see the President's Order of 1960 and the Government instructions issued in this respect, various directions have been given to the Ministries and the departments to go on using Hindi more and more, to have Hindi forms and to have also Hindi noting and, lastly, to answer correspondence in Hindi when it is received in Hindi.

SHRI R. S. KHANDEKAR: May I know, Sir, whether these instructions have been issued in Hindi or English?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: They have been given both in Hindi and English.

Shri B. K. GAIKWAD: May I know Sir. whether the Government will take necessary precautions to see that simple Hindi will be used in official work as well as in naming the offices?

The Govern-SHRI B. N. DATAR: ment are anxious to see that easily understandable Hindi is used.

SHRI SUDHIR GHOSH: May I know. Sir, if it is a fact that the Government intend to introduce a Bill in Parliament to make English an associate language of the Union?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: That is what the Prime Minister stated and Government are taking action in respect of that.

BHOJUDIH AND DUGDA COAL WASHERIES

- *273. SHRI SURJIT SINGH: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy In-**DUSTRIES** be pleased to state:
- (a) the up-to-date progress made in the setting up of the Bhojudih Coal Washery; and
- (b) the country from which machinery needed for the Dugda Coal Washery is being imported and at what stage is the construction of this Washery?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES (Shri C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Civil engineering works are nearing completion. Election of plant and equipment in several sections of the washery has commenced. Work on ancillaries the marshalling yard, water supply, approach roads, electric power supply and permanent township for the staff is well advanced and is expected to be completed shortly.

(b) The plant and equipment of the Dugda Coal Washery was imported from the U.S.A. The washery has started working

SHRI SURJIT SINGH: May I know, Sir, what is the capacity of the Dugda Coal Washery and whether we are getting the required output; if not, why not?

Shri C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is not giving the output it was expected | to give because of certain difficulties. Steps have been taken to remove those technical difficulties.

SHRI SURJIT SINGH: May know, Sir, what is the target date for the completion of Bhojudih Coal Washery and whether we expect the same to be completed by the target date; if not, why not?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, it will take three months more than the targeted date because certain materials have not arrived according to Schedule.

DENIAL OF EMPLOYMENT TO PERSONS REPORTED TO BE COMMUNISTS OR COMMUNIST SYMPATHISERS

*274. Shri GOVINDAN NAIR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of India have issued any instructions to State Governments to deny employment to persons reported by police to be communists or Communist sympathisers; and
- (b) if so, whether such prohibition applies to any other party or parties?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) and (b) No instructions to the State Governments to deny employment to persons reported to be Communists or Communist sympathisers as referred to in this Question have been issued. Under the instructions issued by the Government of India, it is, however, the duty of every appointing authority to satisfy itself about the suitability of a candidate verifying his character and antecedents before making the appointment. While no person is to be considered unfit for appointment solely because of his political opinions, persons who are likely to abuse the confidence placed in them by virtue of their appointment may not be employed.