

in quarry working and removal of over-burden under the control of National Coal Development Corporation:

(b) the cost of machinery recently received at the colliery and the uses to which it is being put; and

(c) the number of workers which will be rendered unemployed by the use of machinery mentioned above and the details of the steps taken by Government to absorb them?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND FUEL (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) The number of workers employed in the Kurasia colliery on quarry working and removal of over-burden is 310 and 1364, respectively.

(b) Machinery worth a little over Rs. 15 lakhs has so far been received at the colliery and is being used for over-burden removal and mechanised winning of coal.

(c) It is not known at this stage to what extent labour will be rendered surplus but when such a contingency arises, efforts will be made to absorb the surplus labour in other collieries.

N.C.C. IN COLLEGES

♦282. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Cadet Corps has been established in each college in the country and if so, the total number of such colleges together with the number of cadets so far enrolled therein; and

(b) what are the requisites for starting a unit of National Cadet Corps in a college?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA) : (a) The N.C.C. has so far been established only in about 70 per cent of the colleges.

(b) The principal requisites are that the State Government concerned should agree to allot the new unit to

the particular College and should agree to bear its share of the expenditure on it.

VISIT OF FINANCE MINISTER TO U.S.A.

*283. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he proposes to visit the United States of America; and

(b) if so, the object of the visit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) • and (b). The Finance Minister has left India to lead the Indian delegation to the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference to be held at Montreal (Canada) in September 1958. On his way to Canada he will visit the U.S.A. to exchange views and ideas on matters of common interest, with governmental, financial and business circles in that country.

EMPLOYEES OF THE DURGAPUR STEEL PROJECT

•286. DR. R. B. GOUR: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether it is a fact that 89 per cent of the employees of the Durgapur Steel Project come from places outside West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND FUEL (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : No, Sir.

NEW DRILLING OPERATIONS FOR OIL

•291. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to undertake new drilling operations for oil in the country; and

(b) if so, where the new operations will be started?