

SHRI KHANDUBHAI DESAI: Information regarding non-fatal accidents is not readily available.

DR. R. B. GOUR: He has given the number of fatal accidents and the number of persons killed in such accidents as three but there must have been people injured and not dead, people who have lost certain limbs, partially disabled and so on. The report must be giving the number of people with such kinds of injuries also.

SHRI KHANDUBHAI DESAI: I say, even if there is some discrepancy in regard to the number of fatal accidents and the number of persons killed I will get it examined.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is not necessary. In one fatal accident two might have been killed.

SHRI KHANDUBHAI DESAI: Probably that may be true but there may be others also.

DR. R. B. GOUR: In reply to my question (b), the hon. Minister has said that the number is not readily available and he goes on to say "there has however been an increase in the number of non-fatal accidents". May I know from the hon. Minister whether he will be pleased to institute an enquiry into this matter and see why these accidents have increased? Is it due to better report or to some other things?

SHRI KHANDUBHAI DESAI: Yes. I will enquire into it.

DR. R. B. GOUR: Thank you.

GOLD MINES AT HUTTI IN HYDERABAD

*400. DR. R. B. GOUR: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign engineers and officers employed in the gold mines at Hutti in the State of Hyderabad;

(b) the tenure of these officers and their salaries and allowances; and

(c) the nature of their work?

THE MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI KHANDUBHAI DESAI): (a), (b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in due course.

DR. R. B. GOUR: May I draw the attention of the hon. Minister to the fact that the foreign engineers employed in this concern are absolutely superfluous and that, in their places, the Indian engineers are doing the jobs, which results in the foreign personnel doing absolutely nothing?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a matter of opinion.

*401. [Postponed to the 6th April 1955.]

*402. [The questioner (Moulana M. Faruqi) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3253 infra.]

HINDI TELEPRINTING MACHINES

*403. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Hindi teleprinting machines have so far been manufactured;

(b) how many of them are at present in use and on what lines; and

(c) whether Government have any plans for the increase of Hindi teleprinting lines and for the furtherance of the manufacture of Hindi teleprinting machines?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) Eight.

(b) Four. Two are working on New Delhi-Patna circuit and two on New Delhi-Lucknow.

(c) The plans of Government are to evolve a suitable Hindi teleprinter machine. As soon as this has been finalised the department will take steps to provide for the manufacture of Hindi teleprinter machines for use on Hindi Teleprinter service.