

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI) : (a) An official of Coal India Limited had handed over certain papers concerning the then GM (Personnel) of Coal India Limited to the Central Vigilance Commission in November, 2001.

(b) and (c). The official was occupying a post for a long time and as per the transfer policy of Coal India Limited he was transferred.

(d) Some representations have been received by the Government against this transfer.

(e) These are being examined by the concerned authorities.

#### **Discovery of Diamond Mines in Orissa**

766. SHRI SURENDRA LATH : Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discovered new diamond mines in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, the approximate areas in which diamond mines are located;

(c) the steps taken for the proper exploitation of those diamond mines; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES ( SUSHREE UMA BHARTI) : (a) to (d) As per information received from Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office of Department of Mines, the Directorate of Geology & Mining, Government of Orissa, with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) technical assistance, undertook exploration for diamond in the parts of Nuapada District, Orissa. During the course of exploration one diamondiferous kimberlite/Lamproitic body has been discovered near Kalmi-dadar (north west of Dharmabandha) in the northern part of Nuapada. Besides, two altered ultra basic bodies of olivine/lamproite composition have been discovered to the east, near Supali and to south near Pokkanpadar of aforesaid Kalmidadar body. Bulk sampling and processing have ascertained that the Kalmidadar body is diamondiferous. Besides, applications for grant of Reconnaissance Permits, *inter alia*, for diamond in Nuapada, Bolangir, Kalahandi and Nawarangpur Districts of Orissa have been accorded prior approval by the central Government.

#### **Performance of Nalco**

767. SHRI SURENDRA LATH : Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the public sector undertaking, National Aluminium company (NALCO) has been earning profit ;