

would like to sell pig iron instead of diverting the iron ore for export.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: That is a suggestion for action. We will certainly consider it.

SHRI M. M. SUR: At what price are we selling this iron ore? Is it fixed or does it vary?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The fixation of the price is according to a clause which leaves the negotiations to subsequent years when we are near the time of exporting it.

MODEL CENTRE FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF

*74. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a scheme for the establishment of a model centre for the education of the deaf has been under Government's consideration for the last four years but it has not yet been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): No, Sir; but a scheme for the establishment of a Training Centre for the Adult Deaf is under consideration.

†CLINICS FOR TESTING HEARING OF CHILDREN

*79. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Seminar on the education of the deaf, held at Mussoorie in September, 1955, recommended that clinics should be set up by the Central and State Governments in important cities to test the hearing of children and guide parents properly in all cases where deafness is evident or suspected; and

†This question and starred question No. 74 were taken together for answer with the Chair's permission.

(b) whether anything has been done about this?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Establishment of Audiological Clinics

On the advice of the National Advisory Council for the Education of the Handicapped a scheme for the establishment of a comprehensive audiological centre was included in the Second Plan. A detailed scheme prepared by an expert committee appointed for this purpose was considered recently by the National Advisory Council for the Education of the Handicapped, which suggested consultations with the Ministry of Health, which are in progress.

The Government of India have also invited applications for financial assistance from voluntary organisations wishing to develop specific services for the handicapped including the establishment of audiological clinics but no suitable application has been received, yet.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Now, Sir, I would like to add that there has been some delay in setting up this centre partly due to lack of accommodation in Delhi and partly due to lack of trained personnel for this specialised work. We have also been in touch with voluntary organisations. In fact we issued a press notice asking if any of the voluntary organisations would be able to take up this work. As a matter of fact it is our opinion that if this work could be taken on by the voluntary organisations it would be far more effective, but so far no voluntary organisation has come forward to take up this work.