

funds available for these scholarships, during 1957-58, to Rs. 200 lakhs. Within the funds sanctioned it may be possible to meet the demand for scholarships of all the eligible Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates, 'Renewal' candidates of Other Backward Classes pursuing a continuous course of study for the completion of a stage of education and of meritorious 'Fresh' candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes.

NATIONALISATION OF PANNA DIAMOND MINES

743. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negotiations are being carried on for the nationalisation of Panna Diamond Mines; if so, since when; and

(b) what is the stage of negotiation at present?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA). (a) and (b). Some negotiations were conducted a couple of months ago for the acquisition of the Panna Diamond Mines. But on failure to reach an agreement on the question of compensation the negotiations have been abandoned.

EXPERT SENT TO SINGAPORE UNDER THE COLOMBO PLAN

744. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has sent any expert to Singapore under the Colombo Plan; if so, who is that expert; and

(b) what is the nature of assistance he is rendering to that country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI): (a) The Government of India have so far sent the following experts to Singapore under the Colombo Plan:

(i) Shri S. B. Bapat, I.C.S., Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,

(ii) Shri M. C. Bhargava, Flying Instructor, Hindustan Aircraft Limited, and

(iii) Mr. H. N. Bouvard, Aircraft Engineer, Hindustan Aircraft Limited.

(b) At present, only Shri M. C. Bhargava, Flying Instructor is in Singapore. He is giving elementary flying instructions to *Malayan* under-training pilots with the help of the Hindustan Trainer Aircraft HT 2 which is on loan to the Royal Singapore Flying Club.

Mr. H. N. Bouvard, Aircraft Engineer was deputed for three months to explain the mechanism of the Hindustan Trainer Aircraft.

Shri S. B. Bapat, I.C.S. was deputed to assist the Government of Singapore in establishing an Organisation and Methods Section.

SURVEY SHIP

745. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Survey Ship is being constructed at the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.; and

(b) if so, when the delivery will be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH):

(a) Yes.

(b) Delivery is expected in 1960.

IRON ORE IN ANDHRA

746. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether the Geological Survey of India has recently discovered fields containing iron ore in Guntur District (Andhra Pradesh); if so,—

(a) what is the iron content of that ore; and

(b) whether it can be economically exploited by beneficiation?