

power so far as indigenous literature is concerned. That is the reason why a Bill is going to be introduced in Parliament.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARNAND: Has Government taken any action with regard to the literature that has been imported, i.e., foreign publications?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: That is what the answer clearly states—that it has been banned altogether.

REPLACEMENT OF OLD SHIPS BY NEW ONES IN THE INDIAN NAVY

*11. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI): Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state the details of the steps taken, so far, to replace the old ships of the Indian Navy by new ones of modern type?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): Government have approved of a programme of replacement of old ships by new ones. The programme is being implemented in stages.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know, Sir, in how many stages and when the last stage will be over?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: It is a continuous process of going on replacing old ships and, as the hon. Member already knows about it, another cruiser is due for commission in 1959 and all these stages, I think, will go up, so far as the present plan is concerned, for another ten years.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know, Sir, what is the cost involved in completing the various stages?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: I am afraid it is not in the public interest to disclose that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

EXPLORATION OF IRON ORE IN ANDHRA

*7. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has recently been received from the Andhra Government to send geologists for the exploration of iron ore at Jaggayyapet, Krishna District, Andhra; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

No specific request was received from the Government of Andhra for the detailed examination of the iron ore deposits near Jaggayyapet, Krishna District, Andhra.

At the instance of the Government of Andhra, Professor C. Mahadevan, Head of the Department of Geology, Andhra University, along with the teachers and students of the Geology Department, conducted a survey of the Jaggayyapet area in 1954. Professor Mahadevan estimated the reserves of the iron ore in the area to be of the order of 2.5 million tons after excluding the ore transported from private lands. The Government of Andhra requested for the confirmation by the Geological Survey of India of the figure of reserves as estimated by Professor Mahadevan.

The reserves as estimated by Professor Mahadevan have been considered acceptable to the Geological Survey of India. The estimated figure includes a certain amount of debris, from which it may not be economically to recover the ore commercially.