

Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the geological mapping of the manganese belt in Madhya Bharat in 1954-55 and the estimated increase in manganese ore over the estimates of 1953-54; and

(b) the percentage of mochia deposit found out as a result of the detailed mapping and investigation of lead-zinc deposits in 1954-55 in the Zawar area?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) and (b): A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) No investigation for manganese was carried out during 1954-55 in Madhya Bharat.

(b) During 1954-55 geological investigation in the Zawar area was taken up for a brief period to note progress of development and exploration in Mochia mine and to resolve remaining geological problems in the area. Work to date, both in underground and surface large scale geological mapping, reaffirms the conclusions reached by 1953-54 season that the Mochia lode is continuous through several adits originally driven during the War years by the Geological Survey of India and through the extensive development done by the Metal Corporation of India.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is there any likelihood of any one being planted at that place to see that the manganese fetches better price?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I shall need notice to answer that question.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE INDO-NEPAL ROADS

*501. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY) : Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to

state the expenditure incurred on (i) the Indian Army; and (ii) the Nepalese labour, engaged in the construction of the Indo-Nepal roads?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE (SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA): (i) Indian Army personnel—Approximately Rs. 64,90,000.

(ii) Nepalese labour—Approximately Rs. 28,51,000.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether this Indian Army Force is from the sector called the Sappers and Miners or are they of the fighting forces also?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: There are no fighting forces in Nepal.

PROF. G. RANGA: How many roads are there and over what length are they being constructed? Are they to connect Nepal with India?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA: There are two roads. One is called the Bhainse Dhoban Thankot Road and the other is the link road which is known as the Amlekganj-Bhainse Dhoban -Dhursing Road which will connect up India with Nepal. The total length of the road which is known as Tribhuvan Raj Path is 79 miles.

PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR ENGINEERING GRADUATES AND DIPLOMA HOLDERS

*502. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY) : Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that engineering graduates and diploma holders are selected by the Ministry of Education each year for practical training in the Defence Establishments; and

(b) if so, how many have been so far selected, year by year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House.