

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.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes.

(b) The number of candidates who joined the Defence establishments for training each year during 1949—55 is as follows:—

Year	No. of candidates
1949-50.....	7
1950-51.....	25
1951-52.....	34
1952-53.....	45
1953-54.....	30
1954-55.....	37

During the current year, viz., 1955-56, 56 candidates have been selected and selections are being made for 21 more training places.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: When was this scheme adopted?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: This scheme originally was started on the recommendation of the Scientific Manpower Committee which initiated the programme in 1949-50.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: I find that the number of employees who are recruited for training in the Defence Establishments is only about 37. Is that not a very small number compared to the needs of the country?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Yes, Sir. The number in these Defence Establishments is small, but there were certain difficulties and these difficulties having now been overcome, we will have the full quota.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: What is their target for the moment?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: There will be 77 fully paid trainees in the Defence Establishments now.

SHRI T. D. PUSTAKE: What is the criterion for the selection?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Merit.

AMALGAMATION OF STATE BANKS WITH THE STATE BANK OF INDIA

*509. SHRI AKHTAR HUSAIN (ON BEHALF OF SARDARAGHBIR SINGH PANJHAZARI): Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have already decided to amalgamate the State Bank of Saurashtra and the Bank of Patiala with the State Bank of India earlier than the other State associated banks;

(b) if so, whether the legislation for this purpose is to be introduced in the current session of the Parliament; and

(c) if replies to parts (a) and (b) above are in the negative when it is proposed to do so?

THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND DEFENCE EXPENDITURE (SHRI A. C. GUHA): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) The matter is at present under examination by the Reserve Bank of India.

SHRI AKHTAR HUSAIN: Is it intended to utilise the services of the existing staff in the employment of these banks?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: When these banks are integrated, I think the idea is that most of the staff will be retained.

SHRI AKHTAR HUSAIN: Are there any plans for retaining the services of the directors and other existing managerial staff?

SHRI A. C. GUHA: The directors will automatically go because the banks will have no separate existence as they will be merged with the State Bank. So the directors will no more exist. I think the managing director also will go. About the other staff, that will have to be examined; probably most of them will be retained.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The questions are over.