

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : इस समिति ने जो सिफारिशों की हैं गवर्नमेंट ने उनमें से कितनों को माना है ?

डा० कै० एल० श्रीमाली : लगभग सभी सिफारिशों पर गवर्नमेंट ने कुछ न कुछ कार्यवाही की है।

डा० पी० सी० मित्रा : सोशल एजुकेशन स्कीम के भीतर कौन कौन सी चीजें हैं ?

डा० कै० एल० श्रीमाली : इन सब की लिस्ट बहुत लम्बी है।

डा० पी० सी० मित्रा : दो चार बातें तो बतलाइए।

डा० कै० एल० श्रीमाली : सोशल एजुकेशन का जो काम है उसका मुख्य उद्देश्य यह है कि लोगों में आर्थिक और सामाजिक ज्ञान उत्पन्न हो। हमने जो लोकतंत्र कायम किया है उसके सम्बन्ध में ठीक दृष्टिकोण बने और इसी तरह की बातों की शिक्षा दी जाती है।

DIAMOND MINING INDUSTRY IN INDIA

*484. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount Government have spent, so far, on prospecting for diamonds; and

(b) whether any modern machinery has been set up by the Indian Bureau of Mines for prospecting of the Diamond Fields?

THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA) : (a) Rs. 7,274/10/- have been spent on travelling allowance and contingent expenditure of the officers of the Indian Bureau of Mines, who visited diamond bearing areas in Vindhya Pradesh and South India in connection with the study of the disposition of diamond formations for planning detailed prospecting.

(b) No, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it a fact that Government had asked for foreign assistance in setting up the machinery for the purpose of diamond prospecting?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Government have not asked for any foreign assistance, but the Punna Diamond Mining Syndicate, an Indian concern, has asked for Russian technical advice and help to develop diamond mining.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Now that they have come, how is the work going, on?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I may inform the hon. Member that their scheme is progressing and if it ultimately develops according to their plans, they will produce about 2,000 carats of diamond per day.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is Government aware that Golconda was a big diamond field in ancient times and if so, is anything being done in this field?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The Indian Bureau of Mines have sent their officers to examine and make a preliminary study of it.

SHRI T. V. KAMALASWAMY: Is any prospecting being done in the Andhra State?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: As I said preliminary examination has been made and we have included the survey programme for this winter season.

DR. P. C. MITRA: I want to know whether any new diamond fields have so far been located.

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Some diamond fields are already known to us from olden times.

DR. P. C. MITRA: New mines.

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I am not aware of any new diamond mines.