

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we go on to that question.

VISIT OF FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL
EXPERTS TO INDIA

*257. SHRI B. RATH: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign educational experts who visited India during the period from 1st October, 1952 to 1st November, 1953;

(b) the name, nationality, qualifications and purposes of visit of each of these experts and the amount spent on each of them; and

(c) whether any report has been submitted to Government by any of those experts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, Annexure No. 76.]

(c) Yes.

SHRI M. S. RANAWAT: What is the total number of experts who visited the country?

SHRI B. RATH: I will tell you; it is about 41. How many experts have been engaged in the survey of Secondary Teacher Preparation?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The hon. Member can get the information from the Table there.

SHRI B. RATH: I want the hon. Minister to hear and understand the question. I am not concerned with the Ford Foundation business only. How many persons have been engaged? Is it only these four American experts obtained through the Ford Foundation who have been engaged for this survey work? Is there any Indian expert also?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Four Indian experts are also associated with the examination of all these questions.

SHRI B. RATH: I want to know how many experts in all have been engaged.

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Four *plus* four is eight. But they have nothing to do, as I said in my answer to the previous question, with the Secondary Education Commission.

SHRI B. RATH: What is the scheme of survey?

مولانا ابوالکلام آزاد: میں چیئرمین صاحب کی توجہ دلوں گا کہ سوال یہ تھا کہ سہ ۵۳-۱۹۵۲ کے اندر باہر کے ایکسپہرٹس کتنے آئے۔ اس کا کیا تعلق ہے اسکیم آف سروے سے ؟

†[MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD: I shall draw your attention, Sir, to the question which was: How many foreign experts visited India during 1952-53? What has this got to do with the scheme of survey?]

SHRI B. RATH: The experts have come in connection with a survey work. I want to know the scheme of the survey that is being undertaken.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

SURVEY OF THE SOUTH EASTERN COAST
OF INDIA

*250. SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

†English translation.

(a) whether any survey has been made in regard to the availability of lime from the coral reefs off the South Eastern Coast of India; and

(b) if so, what are the results of the survey?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) and (b). A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the Council.

Statement

During February and March 1952, a detailed survey of the coral islands in the Gulf of Manaar, between Tuticorin and Pamban, Madras, was taken up by the Geological Survey of India. The results of the survey are as follows:—

Coral reefs ranging from a few feet to 400 yards in width were found fringing the numerous small islets in the Gulf of Manaar, between Tuticorin in the south and Pamban in the north. The reefs are porous, soft and of light material containing over 96 per cent. of CaCO_3 (Calcium Carbonate) and very little of impurities. They can be used for small scale manufacture of bleaching powder, caustic soda and materials requiring high lime content. They can also be powdered and used as 'whiting' in distempers and paints. The estimated reserves of coral material in the Gulf of Manaar is about 2.25 million tons spread over a distance of about 80 miles:

(i) Pamban area—9,24,000 tons.

(ii) Killakarai area—1,056,000 tons.

(iii) Tuticorin area—286,000 tons.

But as the lime in the reefs is deposited by living corals and other organisms, the reefs can grow again even if they are removed. It is possible for the coral masses to be replenished in a few years under suitable condi-

tions. About 200,000 tons of coral reefs may be available annually from all sources without reserves being depleted.

An upraised reef near Rameswaram may yield 80,000 tons of good quality limestone.

BANKS GONE INTO LIQUIDATION IN WEST BENGAL

*258. SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Banks which have gone into liquidation in West Bengal since 1948;

(b) the dates on which the orders for liquidation of these Banks were issued; and

(c) the details about (i) the public deposits with each of these Banks on the date of its liquidation and (ii) the percentage of the deposits returned to the depositors by each of them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FINANCE (SHRI A. C. GUHA): (a), (b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, Annexure No. 77.]

WRITING OF ARTICLES OR PUBLICATION OF LITERATURE BY GOVERNMENT SERVANTS

*259. SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Will the Minister for HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any bar to the writing of articles for the press or to the publishing of literature in their names by Government servants; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether there are any conditions attached to such writing or publication by a Government servant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) and (b). There is no absolute bar as such. The matter is governed in respect of the employees of the Central