

DEPOSITS OF SILLIMINITE MINERAL

*257. SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large deposit of Silliminite is located in Khasi and Jaintia Hills district of Assam;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether any survey has been made of this deposit; and, if so, with what result;

(c) whether this mineral is useful for any of our industries; and

(d) whether there is any demand in the World market for this mineral?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Director, Geological Survey of India reports that the world's largest concentration of silliminite occurs in the Khasi Hills, Assam, and that it contains reserves of the order of 251,000 tons.

(c) Yes, Sir. Silliminite is used in the manufacture of turnace lining in the iron and steel industry, in the glass and ceramic industry, in the manufacture of laboratory equipment and high temperature cement

(d) Yes, Sir.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Are Government taking any steps to mine this useful mineral?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes, Sir. All steps are being taken in that direction.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Is there any specialist appointed for this purpose by the Government of India?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: There is no particular specialist appointed for this purpose.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know if any of these things are being exported now?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes. Silliminite is being exported.

*258. [The questioner (Shri Bheron Prasad) was absent.]

MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES TO DISPLACED PERSONS

*259. SHRI B. RATH: Will the Minister for REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out any scheme for affording medical and educational facilities to displaced persons; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and when it would be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR REHABILITATION (SHRI J. K. BHONSLE): (a) Yes.

(b) The schemes are already being implemented. Their details are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 84.]

SHRI B. RATH: May I know when the scheme for 1952-53 was sanctioned finally?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: About 6 months ago.

SHRI B. RATH: Am I to understand that the scheme for 1952-53 was sanctioned 6 months after the year began?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: Actually we make *ad hoc* grants as and when necessary, and the scheme was finalised 6 months ago.

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Sir, May I add to the reply? The scheme was worked out in the year 1950 on the basis of a High Power Committee report presided over by Mr. Gopalaswami. Now, in accordance with that scheme grants are made from year to year and grants for 1952-53 were made at

hoc in the beginning of 1952-53 and subsequently they were finalised about 6 months later.

SHRI B. RATH: Is it a fact that the Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation during his tour in Rajasthan had made a statement to the effect that the scheme for affording medical facilities to displaced persons has not yet been finalized?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: I never made any such statement.

SHRI B. RATH: Is it a fact that some report of that nature came in the press?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: I am not aware of it.

SHRI B. RATH: Did the Minister try to contradict that statement?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He never came to know of it. Unless he knows, how can he contradict it?

SHRI B. RATH: It is expected that the Ministers read the newspapers.

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Not all the papers go to all parts of India.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: There are various facilities provided, according to the statement, with regard to primary school education, Middle and High classes including preparatory classes in Delhi, College and technical education etc. May I know what is the total amount that has been spent so far in this regard?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: The average expenditure per year is over a crore of rupees, for the western refugees only.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: It is said in the statement that free education is given to all displaced students and a cash grant of Rs. 5/- per annum per student for purchase of books etc. in deserving cases. I want to know as to what is the amount spent so far for this category.

SHRI A. P. JAIN: I cannot give category-wise.

SHRI B. RATH: May I know what are the T. B. Hospitals and Sanatoria in which the beds for displaced persons have been provided? What is the number reserved in each and what is the capacity of each Hospital?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: I will give you the actual number of beds and the expenditure.

	Beds	Expenditure
Bombay	80	1,44,000
Rajasthan	50	90,000
West Bengal	250	5,55,770
Assam	Recurring expenditure of	5,000
PEPSU	100	1,80,000
U.P.	18	25,000
Punjab	85	1,43,000
Ajmer	20	30,000
Saurashtra	23	63,000
Orissa	Ad hoc grant	5,430

SHRI B. RATH: For how many beds?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: Just *ad hoc* grant. There are no beds.

Ranchi	10	15,000
DGHS		85,000

SHRI B. RATH: What is the total number for West Bengal?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: 250.

SHRI B. RATH: What is the number reserved for displaced persons.

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: They are all for displaced persons.

SHRI B. RATH: Nothing for general?

SHRI J. K. BHONSLE: You are asking for displaced persons.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What he wants to know is, if the displaced persons get 250 beds, what the total strength of the hospital is for other people

who are non-displaced persons like Mr. Rath.

SHRI A. P. JAIN: The question is about medical and other facilities to displaced persons.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, it is only about displaced persons. Next question.

VISIT OF SIR WILLIAM SLAYTER

*261. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Vice-Admiral Sir William Slayter, Commander-in-Chief of East Indies Station of the Royal Navy, visited Bombay on or about the 23rd February 1953;

(b) if so, whether he was accorded a reception by the Indian Navy authorities; and

(c) whether he made a statement that India should not rush about Indianising her Navy?

THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE (SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI): (a) The visit was arranged with the concurrence of the Government of India.

(b) Yes. The British cruiser was paid the normal marks of courtesy and goodwill, as are shown to any visiting foreign warships.

(c) A report of a statement that he was alleged to have made has appeared in the Press, but I regret I am unable to say if that correctly represents what he actually said.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Have the Government got a copy furnished to them of the observations made by this dignitary?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: I believe only press cuttings were received. It is not as if a copy of his speech has been forwarded to us.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: When I gave notice of this question, would it not have been possible for Government to have got a copy of his speech furnished to them?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: I did not think it was important enough for Government to ask the speaker to give us a copy of speech he made at some particular occasion which was a private occasion.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Were there no other means, apart from asking the officer to furnish a copy of his speech, by which Government could get a copy of his speech?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: I did not get any copy of the speech.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Do Government realise that the press cuttings, which were received, cast reflections on the Indian Navy?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: No, I do not think it casts any reflection. Whatever he said is more than true.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Would it be desirable for Government to allow these high foreign dignitaries to make observations casting reflection on our Navy or Government?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: He cast no aspersions on the Indian Government or on any branch of the Government. What he stated was that our Navy was not yet in a position to be manned by Indians. And that is correct, Sir. He is an expert and he has given good advice and I do not think there is any aspersion there.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: My information is that this officer said that the Indian Navy could not be Indianised. Is that so?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is not your information, Mr. Tyagi.

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: What he said was, it is not possible for the