

val Legislation Committee some months ago has been completed;

(b) whether it is a fact that serious difficulties are encountered by intending researchers on account of the existing rules of access to documents; and

(c) if so, whether early steps will be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No serious difficulties have come to Government's notice.

(c) Does not arise.

C.I. Sheets for Bihar

*573. **Shri P. G. Sen:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of corrugated iron sheets supplied to the State of Bihar during the year 1961-62 and the quantity to be supplied in the current year; and

(b) whether the Central Government have received any representation from the Government of Bihar for the increase of such quota in view of the growing public demands as a large number of villages have recently been destroyed by fire in that State?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) 5,795 metric tons of Galvanised Corrugated sheets were despatched (supplied) during the period from April, 1961 to February, 1962, against all quotas and including despatches to the Controlled Stockists in the State. It is not possible to indicate the expected supplies during 1962-63, at present.

(b) Yes, Sir, to the extent possible, as this is an item which is in short supply.

Development of Roads in Nagaland

*574. **Shri S. C. Jamir:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Road Development Board has started its work in Nagaland;

(b) if so, the number of roads taken over by the Board;

(c) progress made so far in the construction of the roads; and

(d) the approximate time required for completion of the roads?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). It is not in the public interest to disclose these details.

Production in Steel Plants

*575. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the production of steel up-to-date for each of the three steel plants in the public sector and the earnings therefrom; and

(b) to what extent the plants have undertaken export of the then production and what are the export earnings therefrom?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) The production of steel ignots in each of the three public sector plants from the commencement of production upto 31st March, 1962, was:

Bhilai	1.27	million tonnes
Rourkela	.634	„ „
Durgapur	.63	„ „
Total :	2.534	„ „

The earnings for the same period amount to about Rs. 1182 million, including sale of pig iron and by-products.

(b) About 3 lakh tonnes of iron and steel have been exported up to March

31, 1962 from the three steel plants, and the foreign exchange earned amounts to about Rs. 84 millions.

Technical Scholarships

*576. **Dr. Melkote:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of scholarship for technical studies sanctioned has not been distributed to the scholars in the various Technical Colleges, including the Regional Engineering Colleges, even after a lapse of nine months;

(b) whether the colleges did not decide on the issue of awarding scholarships to the deserving students till February, 1962;

(c) whether parents of poor students have complained to the Ministry regarding such abnormal delay in settling scholarship issue; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take (i) for expeditious payment to the scholars and (ii) for early decision in future?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Some of the institutions did not send their proposals till January—February 1962 and this led to the delay in awards, but by February 1962, a majority of the scholarships had been awarded.

(c) Representations were received from students in one Regional office.

(d) Wherever recommendations for award of scholarships were not received in time, the institutions concerned were asked to expedite.

Suitable measures for avoiding delays in future will be formulated in consultation with heads of technical institutions.

National Professors Question

*577. **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research

and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of National Professorships awarded by Government during 1961-62;

(b) the total number of National Professorships to be awarded during 1962-63;

(c) the up-to-date strength of National Professors; and

(d) the amount paid to the National Professors?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No National Professor was appointed by Government during 1961-62.

(b) One National Professor was appointed in April, 1962. There is no proposal at present to appoint any more during 1962-63.

(c) Five.

(d) The National Professorship carries a salary of Rs. 2,500 per month.

National Discipline Scheme in Modern School, Delhi

*578. { **Shri Hem Barua:**
Shri Rishang Keishing:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the National Discipline Scheme physical labour is introduced in the Modern School, Delhi on an experimental basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result of this a student of the above school got a leg crushed under heavy roller; and

(c) if so, the details of the incident and the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Neither the National Discipline Scheme has been introduced in the Modern School, Delhi, nor physical labour has been adopted as a part of this Scheme;