

**Shri Tangamani:** Originally itself, each State has to formulate a scheme. If such a scheme is formulated, I would like to know whether the Government is aware of such a scheme.

**Shri Hajarnavis:** Yes. The Government are aware of the scheme framed by the State of Kerala.

**Shri Panigrahi:** May I know whether any grant has been made to any social welfare organisation for providing legal aid to the poor?

**Shri Hajarnavis:** So far as the Central Government is concerned, they have not given any.

#### Exploitation of Salem Iron Ore

\*1890. **Shri Sampath:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 890 on the 29th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the feasibility of exploiting iron ore deposits in Salem District of Madras State has since been examined; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

**The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). The examination has not yet been undertaken, as priority had to be given to Orissa. The deposits are reported to be low grade, for which there is a very little market at the moment.

**Shri Sampath:** In view of the fact that experience in Germany had shown that even with low iron content in the ores, a steel plant can be established and worked successfully with low shaft furnaces, will the Government consider the feasibility of establishing a steel plant in Salem district?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** A point scheme is just now being worked out in our Metallurgical Institute at Jamshedpur. We hope that as soon as we get the exact processes worked out here in this Metallurgical Institute, we

shall try to utilise the non-cooking coal to use this low grade content of iron ore.

**Shri Ramanathan Chettiar:** In view of the inordinate delay in getting the report from the Metallurgical Institute, what steps the Government will take to expedite the process of getting the report as early as possible?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The machinery and equipment for setting up the pilot plant have already reached India. It is expected that the experiment will commence soon.

**Shri Tangamani:** May I know when the pilot plant will be set up; at what time this year or next year it will be set up?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The machinery has arrived in India and it is perhaps on its way to Jamshedpur. It will be set up very soon.

#### Training of Nepalese in India

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\*1891. { **Shri Bhogji Bhal:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to give facilities for training to Nepalese engineers, doctors, and scientists required by that country for their First Five Year Plan?

**The Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha):** Government of India provides technical assistance, which includes training facilities in the fields of engineering, medical and science etc., to the Government of Nepal under the Technical Cooperation Scheme of Colombo Plan.

श्री भोगजी भाई : हम में कितना सहायता करके होगा और नेपाल सरकार में कितना मांगा जाएगा ?

श्रीमती तारकेश्वरी सिन्हा : नेपाल सरकार से मांगने का इसमें कोई सवाल नहीं है क्योंकि इस स्कीम के अन्दर सरकार ने सन् १९५२ में १ करोड़ रुपया प्लेन किया था कि कोलम्बो प्लेन के सभी देशों के साथ टेकनिकल कोऑपरेशन स्कीम के अन्दर कुल १ करोड़ रुपया खर्च किया जायगा, और इसलिये इस स्कीम के मुताबिक अभी तक सरकार २५ लाख, ८० हजार और ४०८ ६० खर्च कर चुकी है।

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** May I know whether it is a fact that certain other countries are taking keen interest in helping the implementation of Nepal's First Five Year Plan, and whether we are aware of the political reasons behind it?

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** I do not know whether that arises out of this question.

**Mr. Speaker:** It does not arise.

**Shri Joachim Alva:** Has Government seen the report this morning in the papers of the statement made by Dr. K. I. Singh, a former Prime Minister of Nepal—I am coming to the second part of my question—that “propaganda in favour of Pakistan as against India was being made in Nepal by the American Mission”? I want to know from the Government whether they are effectively, immediately and extensively helping Nepal in the matter of training engineers and fulfilling our target of Rs. 1 crore.

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** It does not arise out of this question, but I may inform the hon. Member that we are helping them with technical and other things under the Colombo Plan, and we are also giving other help to Nepal.

**Shri Panigrahi:** May I know the number of students from Nepal who are getting training in India under the Colombo Plan?

**Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** The total number is 580. Of that, 420 have already completed their training and 160 are undergoing training.

**Mr. Speaker:** 420 have completed their training (laughter). I think 420 is a mistake for 421. (laughter).

Ganja

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\*189a. { **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri V. C. Shukla:**  
**Shri Panigrahi:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) in which States complete use of Ganja has been prohibited;

(b) which are the States that have objected to the total prohibition of Ganja; and

(c) the reasons for the same?

**The Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha):**  
(a) Use of Ganja except for the manufacture of medicinal preparations has been prohibited in the States of Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, in the Andhra area of Andhra Pradesh and Madras State as well as in the Union Territories of Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands.

(b) and (c). No State has objected to the total prohibition of Ganja as such, but the Governments of West Bengal, Bihar and Orissa have stated that it would be difficult to achieve prohibition of Ganja by March, 1959, unless means are found to make good the resultant loss of revenue.

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Is it the Government's intention to help with more funds those States which have objected to the prohibition of ganja on monetary grounds?