

Colonies for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

*945. **Shri Elayaperumal:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether the Central Government have advanced or propose to advance any financial assistance to the Madras Government for constructing Colonies for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the years 1958-59 and 1959-60?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): No, Sir

Gold Production

*946. { **Shri Shivananjappa:**
Shri V. P. Nayar:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state

(a) whether there has been any decline in the production of gold in India during the last four years,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps taken to improve the gold production?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) (i) Partly due to the exhaustion of the rich lodes in the Kolar Gold Fields

(ii) Increasing cost of mining at greater depths

(iii) Failure to locate fresh lodes well in advance

(c) The Kolar Gold Fields area is being structurally mapped and some new extensions of lodes have been predicted. Drilling is proposed to be undertaken to verify this prediction. Detailed mapping of the old mine at Ramgiri, Andhra Pradesh, is also under way. Gradually it is expected to extend this work to the other gold bearing areas in the country.

Lease Money

*947. **Pandit J. P. Jyotishi:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the lease money charged on cultivable

land in cantonment areas is higher than the amount charged as land revenue in the adjoining areas and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) and (b) The rent charged by the Central Government on temporarily surplus military lands in Cantonment areas leased out for cultivation is basically different from the land revenue charged by the State Governments on private lands in the adjoining areas outside the Cantonments and the two are not comparable.

Lignite Deposits in Bikaner

*948. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state

(a) whether the Experts Committee appointed to study the possibilities of open cast mining of lignite deposits at Palana in Bikaner, Rajasthan State, has since submitted its report,

(b) if so the main features of the report,

(c) whether Government have examined the same, and

(d) when action is likely to be initiated on the recommendations?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) No

(b) to (d) Do not arise

अमेरिका में भारतीय इंजीनियरों का प्रशिक्षण

*१४६ श्री सरजू पाण्डे क्या इस्पात, खान और ईंधन मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करके कि

(क) क्या भारत और अमेरिका के बीच हाल ही में कोई कगार हुआ है जिस के अनुसार अमेरिका भारतीय इंजीनियरों को इस्पात उत्पादन के प्रशिक्षण के लिये आर्थिक सहायता देगा,

(ख) यदि हा, तो वह राशि कितनी है, और