

the Vanaspati Oil with a view to prevent its adulteration with pure ghee; and

(b) if so, with what result?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrivalli): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No conclusive results have been achieved so far.

#### Edakanji (Coimbatore) Ore

\*572. Shri K. S. Ramaswamy: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps were taken by Government to find out the iron contents in the iron ore found in Edakanji area in Coimbatore District; and

(b) the extent of the area where iron ore is present?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrivalli): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Lok Sabha when received.

#### Primary Education

\*573. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state (i) the principle of allocation of grants for Primary Education of States and (ii) the sums disbursed year-wise during last three financial years to different States for Primary Education?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. M. M. Das): (i) The principle is that both the Central and the State Governments should share the expenditure.

(ii) A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No. 58].

#### Committee on the Amalgamation of Small Collieries

\*574. Shri Muhammed Elias: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the report of the Expert Committee on the amalgamation of small collieries;

(b) what decision has been arrived at; and

(c) when action on the recommendations will be initiated?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The report of the Committee is under examination.

(c) After the examination has been completed and decisions arrived at by Government.

#### Death of Dr. Ambedkar

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Shri B. C. Kamble:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a demand has been made to enquire into the death of late Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, M.P.; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes, requests have been received from certain quarters for holding of an enquiry into the causes of the death of the late Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

(b) No suspicions were expressed till several days after disposal of the body by Dr. Ambedkar's relatives. However, such enquiries as were possible were then made and there were no reasons to suspect that the death was due to any causes other than natural. In the circumstances, Government do not consider it necessary to order any further enquiries.