

**The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) to (c). A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 12].

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** May I know whether any concession has so far been granted during this period to any firm for the exploitation of any mineral?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** It is too comprehensive a question to answer.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** Since the appointment of this Bureau?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Many must have been given under the rules framed by the Bureau.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** May I know whether the framing of rules and the finalising of the rules is still going on during these four years?

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ریسورسز اینڈ سائنٹیفک ریسرچ - (مولانا آزاد):  
ہاں ایہی جا رہی ہے۔

**[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** Yes, it is still going on.]

पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय : यह  
कब तक तैयार होंगे, क्या अभी इस में और  
समय लगने वाला है ?

مولانا آزاد : ہاں کچھ وقت اور  
لگے گا۔

**Maulana Azad:** Yes, it would take some time more to complete.

पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय : यह जो  
मैंगनीज और डम्पस हैं वह अब तक किस  
बजह से एक्सप्लॉयट नहीं किये गये, वाबजूद  
इसके कि काफी अर्सा हो गया जब यह  
डिस्कवर किये गये थे ? क्या इस बजह से  
कि उसमें खर्चा बहुत पड़ा या कि उन की  
बवालिटटी बहुत खराब है ?

مولانا آزاد : اس سلسلہ میں کچھ  
کارروائیاں ہوئی ہیں - لیکن میں ایہی  
نہیں بتا سکتا۔

**[Maulana Azad:** Some steps have been taken in this direction, but I cannot say anything definite at this time.]

**Mr. Speaker:** I think Mining is a State subject, if I mistake not.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** But it is the function of the Bureau that has been appointed by the Central Government.

#### MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION (ANDAMANS)

\*513. **Shri Nanadas:** (a) Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether the Government of India have received any representations regarding the setting up of a municipal administration in the Andaman Islands?

(b) If so, what action have Government taken in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know, Sir, what are the obstacles, if any, that stand in the way of the Government in the setting up of a Municipal Administration in the Andaman Islands?

**Shri Datar:** We have asked for a report from the Chief Commissioner, Andaman Islands. On receipt of the report further action will be taken.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know whether there is any agency, Governmental or quasi-Governmental, which is looking after the sanitary administration, supply of drinking water, collection of taxes, etc?

**Shri Datar:** The Chief Commissioner in consultation with the Advisory Committee is looking after all these affairs.

**Shri Nanadas:** Is it a fact, Sir that even on main thoroughfares tons of refuse are lying unremoved, roads are covered with over-grown bushes, disease is spreading to millions and even in the town area there is no provision for a single lavatory or a urinal and there is also a large scarcity of drinking water?

**Shri Datar:** This is not correct.

**Shri N. Sreekanth Nair:** In view of the fact that there is a lack of facilities for travelling, conveyance, etc., will the Government see that these conveyance facilities, sanitation etc., are enhanced?

**Shri K. K. Basu:** Is it not a fact that no improvement is made in this Island because it is leased to two persons for the development of forests?

**Shri Datar:** No.

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

\*514. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Development Board is left with a very meagre amount for the Point Four Operations for the coming year; and

(b) to what extent the programmes undertaken in India would suffer if finances do not come from the Board in time?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) The International Development Board of the U.S.A. is an advisory board established in September 1950 to advise and consult on general and basic policy matters arising in connection with the Point Four Programme.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know, Sir, what percentage of the amount received under the Point Four Programme has been spent on American personnel who have been lent to India—in providing things like local personnel, translation services, office space, equipment and supplies, local transportation and other services?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** The salaries and other costs of the personnel are met by U.S.A. whereas the local costs, regarding transportation, etc., are met by the Government of India.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** What is the total amount?

**Mr. Speaker:** Has the Deputy Minister got the break-up?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** Total amount spent?

**Mr. Speaker:** Spent on these personnel?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** The salaries and other things are met by the U.S.A. The total amount spent so far up to June 1950 is 50 million dollars.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** On the personnel?

**Mr. Speaker:** Obviously, he has not got that.

**ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAMME**

\*515. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of personnel that have been sent from India to the United Kingdom to learn the technique of using the products of Britain's Atomic Energy Programme; and

(b) whether these trained men would establish Centres to train other personnel in the country?

**The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Three

(b) No, Sir.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** Is the hon. Minister not aware of the fact that no foreigner is allowed to work at any Atomic Energy Establishment either in U.S.A. or in the U.K.?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Three people have been accepted and they are receiving training.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** Are they receiving training in the Universities or in the Atomic Energy establishments?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Two of them, Mr. Vaze and Mr. Sitaram were deputed for training at the Instrument Section of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Melbourne. Mr. Shahar was deputed for study in U.K. with the group of scholars under Professor Blacket at the High Altitude Research Laboratory at Jungfranjoch in Switzerland.

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** These are not Atomic Energy Establishments. The British Atomic Energy Establishment is at Harwell and other places. These are University Institutes and in view of the fact that no foreign country is training our boys in atomic energy work, is it not very necessary that our country should encourage those Institutes which have already started giving training in Atomic Energy.

**Shri V. P. Nayyar:** May I know whether scientists of foreign nationality are associated with research in atomic energy in India?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** No, Sir.

**Shri V. P. Nayyar:** May I know whether it is a fact that a foreign scientist is working in the Tata Institute at Bombay?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I am not aware of that.