

are given in a statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 25.]

(b) The time taken depends on the nature of the proposals and the adequacy of the details furnished. It is not possible to say what the average time taken is.

(c) Particulars are being collected from individual Ministries and will be laid on the Table early.

(d) A Statement of outstanding requests from Uttar Pradesh is laid on the Table. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 25.] All of these are in various stages of consideration and it is not possible to say when they are likely to be sanctioned. Every effort will be made to expedite the sanction.

ART AND CULTURE

*596. **Shri Lakshmidhar Jena:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money allotted during the years 1953-54 and 1954-55 for the development of Art and Culture in India; and

(b) the amount paid to the State of Orissa in these years?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Rs. 26,87,000/- for 1953-54 and Rs. 42,37,400/- for 1954-55.

(b) Nil.

MANGANESE (PRICE)

*597. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of manganese has registered a fall and is now fluctuating between Rs. 80/- and Rs. 90/- per ton; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the decline of prices?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for the decline of prices are:—

(i) contraction of demand due to the cessation of U.S. Stockpiling programme;

(ii) gradual emergence of Brazil as a competitor in this commodity; and

(iii) reported re-entry of Russia into the export market.

SCHOLARSHIPS BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

*598. **Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of France awarded any scholarships to Indian nationals this year also for study in France; and

(b) if so, what was the number of scholarships and how the candidates were selected?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 12 fresh awards and 21 renewals. Candidates were screened by a Selection Board constituted by the French Embassy in India in consultation with the Ministry of Education. Final acceptance of the candidates recommended rested with the Government of France. Renewals were made by the French Government direct.

मिक्षा वृत्ति को समाप्त करना

*५९९. **श्री मगन लाल बागड़ी:** क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय समाज कल्याण बोर्ड मिक्षा वृत्ति को समाप्त करने के प्रश्न पर विचार कर रहा है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में कोई योजना बनाई है; और

(ग) समाज कल्याण बोर्ड ने इस सम्बन्ध में प्रत्येक राज्य को कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दी है ?