

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

EXPLORATION OF IRON ORE

***600. Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of the decisions taken at the Bangalore Conference, intensive exploration of iron and allied ores has been made by the Geological Survey of India in South India; and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). The Bangalore conference only made recommendations. Government's decisions on them will soon be taken and implemented.

FEATHERS (SMUGGLING)

***601. Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale smuggling of feathers of Indian wild birds is being carried on through the French and Portuguese possessions in India; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to stop the said smuggling of feathers?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha): (a) The information available with Government indicates that such smuggling is on a negligible scale.

(b) In view of the reply to part (a), no special steps have been considered necessary in respect of feathers. However, Customs control over movement of persons and goods across the frontiers with the French and Portuguese possessions has been continually tightened up in recent years.

FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

***603. Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which grant-in-aid were given (subject-wise) for research work in fundamental research in 1953-54; and

(b) the total amount of grants given during the same period?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 26.]

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY IN TRIPURA

***604. Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of States be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant has been given to any co-operative society in Tripura; and

(b) if so, the purpose for which this money has been given?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) None, so far.

(b) Does not arise.

भारतीय कला प्रदर्शनी

***६१०. श्री आर० एस० तिवारी:**
क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) १९५३ और १९५४ में अब तक किन किन देशों में भारतीय कला प्रदर्शनियाँ हुईं; और

(ख) इन प्रदर्शनियों में कितनी सफलता मिली है?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) U.S.A., Canada U.S.S.R., Poland and Germany during 1953 and Argentina, Indonesia, China, Brazil and Venice during 1954.

(b) They helped in promoting cultural relations with the countries concerned and in stimulating interest in these countries in Indian art.