

Shri Raghuramalah: I presume, from what the Parliamentary Secretary said, that they will be returned to India. If and when they are returned, and in view of the very strong public opinion in Andhra, I want to know whether the Parliamentary Secretary would consider the question of locating these relics as near Nandikonda Dam site as possible?

Dr. M. M. Das: The hon. Member knows that there is at present a museum at the site. This museum will also be under water when the dam will be completed. Therefore, we have to remove these specimens to another museum the location of which has not yet been decided.

BERYL

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

(a) whether there is any limitation of time for the disposal of applications for mining leases for Beryl;

(b) whether Government are aware that there have been frequent delays in the disposal of such applications; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Information regarding the time taken for the disposal of applications for mining leases for beryl is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The need for expeditious disposal of applications for the grant of mineral concessions has been impressed upon State Governments from time to time.

Shri Deogam: Does not this delay result in loss of revenue to Government and harrassment to prospective lessees?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not know about that, but, as I said we have been impressing upon the State Governments to expedite disposal of these applications. We are still considering the matter as to how best to improve affairs. In this connection some further letters have been exchanged between our Ministry and the Governments of the States and we hope things will improve.

EX-SERVICEMEN IN MADRAS STATE

*714. **Shri Veeraswamy:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ex-servicemen in Madras State:

(b) how many ex-servicemen have been provided with employment in that State in 1953 and 1954 (till the end of September); and

(c) whether any preference is being given to them in the matter of appointments?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) The information is not readily available.

(b) 2,744 ex-servicemen have been found employment in Government and Private service in 1953 and a further 1,460 upto September 1954.

(c) Yes. The State Government is giving preference to ex-servicemen in filling up appointments for which military training is a special qualification.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know whether it is not a fact that there are many ex-servicemen who have not been able to secure any employment through the employment exchanges for more than three years?

Sardar Majithia: I know there are certain ex-servicemen who have not been able to find employment because the number is really very very large. If the hon. Member wants to know a little bit of it, in the Madras zone, which includes Madras, Travancore-Cochin, Mysore and Coorg, there are 5,21,409 ex-servicemen registered and