

the Commonwealth Technical Co-operation Scheme for training in Aeronautical Engineering in the U.K.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, how many of the stipends and scholarships mentioned by the hon. Minister were Canadian scholarships?

**Shri Gopalaswami:** I am afraid, Sir, I haven't got that information here. I can find it out.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether any candidate had been sent from technical development establishments at Dehra Dun? If so, how was he selected?

**Shri Gopalaswami:** One officer was sent to attend the Gunnery Staff Course (anti-aircraft) in which elementary radar engineering is taught. That was in 1951-52. One officer will be sent to attend this course in 1952-53.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether any conflict arose between the recommendation of the local institution and that of the department?

**Shri Gopalaswami:** I am not aware of it. Even if there was some conflict of opinion, that is a purely departmental affair.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, who was finally selected?

**Shri Gopalaswami:** I am afraid I have not got the names of the two officers concerned.

#### MINT AT ALIPORE

\*856. **Dr. M. M. Das:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the machineries and functions of the old Mint in Calcutta have been transferred to the newly constructed one in Alipore;

(b) how Government propose to utilise the old Mint building; and

(c) the total number of employees and the annual cost of establishment of the new Mint?

**The Minister of State for Finance (Shri Tyagi):** (a) No, Sir. The Calcutta Mint is still producing medals for the Defence Services and some coins and bullion are also at present stored therein.

(b) Some of the buildings will be required for some time more for storing bullion and coins. The other buildings are being offered for use to other Central Government Departments.

(c) The present total strength of Alipore Mint is 1,665 inclusive of workmen and the cost of the establishment of the Alipore Mint for the current financial year is estimated at Rs. 29,85,100.

**Dr. M. M. Das:** May I know what has been the total expenditure for the construction and equipment of the new Alipore Mint?

**Shri Tyagi:** It is estimated to be about Rs. 220 lakhs, which includes Rs. 100 lakhs for buildings and Rs. 120 lakhs for plant and machinery.

**Dr. M. M. Das:** May I know how the cost of establishment of the new Mint compares with that of the old one?

**Shri Tyagi:** It will be very difficult for me to compare the cost. I would like to have notice if the hon. Member wants that information.

**Dr. M. M. Das:** May I know whether there exist arrangements in the new Alipore Mint for executing orders from foreign Governments?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** Occasional orders are received.

**Dr. M. M. Das:** May I know the names of the foreign Governments whose orders have been executed up to this time?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** I require notice of that.

**Dr. M. M. Das:** May I know what fraction of India's total needs is supplied by this new Alipore Mint?

**Shri C. D. Deshmukh:** The normal minting capacity of the new Mint is 12 lakhs of pieces per day, as against 10 lakhs of pieces per day in the Bombay as well as the old Calcutta Mint.

#### MINERAL DEPOSITS IN NAGA HILLS

\*857. **Dr. M. M. Das:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exploratory activities of Government in the Naga Hills for mineral deposits have been completed;

(b) if so, the results;

(c) the different agencies that are entrusted with the exploratory work,

(d) the total expenditure incurred by Government for this purpose; and

(e) the attitude of local inhabitants to such activities?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) The director, Geological Survey of India, reports that no extensive investigation of the mineral deposits of Naga Hills has yet been done. A portion of the Naga Hills bordering the districts of Sibsagar and Lakhimpur having