

Mr. Speaker: He is again going into details. I am not permitting that question.

MICA ENQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT

*868. **Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps were taken to implement the Mica Enquiry Committee Report; and

(b) if so, what they are, and what progress has been achieved?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the action taken on each recommendation of the Mica Enquiry Committee is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 4].

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Are there mica deposits in Salem district and, if so, has any attempt been made to develop them?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I do not know, Sir.

MICA

*869. **Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is possible to locate mica lead by geophysical survey; and

(b) whether any experiments in this direction were conducted?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir. The Director, Geological Survey of India, reports that the existing methods of geophysical prospecting are not suitable for locating mica deposits.

(b) Yes, Sir. An experiment was conducted by Geodetic Department of the Survey of India in collaboration with the Geological Survey of India at the beginning of the last war in the Kodarma area in Bihar but this did not prove successful.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: Have any experiments been conducted recently?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: No, Sir. As a matter of fact, our experts are of the opinion that it will be no use applying geophysical tests to mica survey.

Shri Viswanatha Reddy: May I know whether any mica mine is

being worked either by this Government or by the Bihar Government?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: We have no particular information about it, but the exploitation of mines is a State subject.

EDUCATION TRAINING CENTRE

*870. **Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNESCO has expressed its intention to start a fundamental Education Training Centre in India; and

(b) what are the facilities it seeks from the Government of India to start the Centre?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). India was included in Unesco's original Special Project for establishment of a net-work of Fundamental Education Centres in different regions of the World. Under this Project considerable financial assistance was to be provided by Unesco. The scheme has, however, been revised and Unesco can now offer only technical assistance in the form of experts, fellowships and limited equipment. The question whether such a centre should be established by the Government of India is under consideration.

Shri Madiah Gowda: How long more will it take to come to a decision?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: In view of the fact that the UNESCO have revised their scheme, we have to consider afresh what is to be done.

Shri Madiah Gowda: Part (b) of my question has not been answered. What facilities do the UNESCO seek from the Government of India?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The UNESCO's idea first was to start a centre of their own, but now they have revised their scheme and they are not going to start their own centre. They are offering us facilities, and it is now for us to consider whether we may start a centre of our own or not.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know what are the types of schemes that will be covered under "fundamental education"?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. He may get a statement from the hon. Minister later. It is too long a thing to be covered by a question and answer.