

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He wants to know the number of banks opened in the State of Madras, since this recommendation was made. Has the hon. Minister got any information?

**Shri Tyagi:** I have not collected this information in connection with this question.

#### COLOMBO PLAN

\*911. **Shri N. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state what amount has been spent by India towards fulfilment of her obligation as a Member of the Colombo Plan up till now?

(b) Which countries have received that amount and in what form?

(c) What assistance and in what form has India received from other countries as a Member of the Colombo Plan up till now?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) An amount of approximately Rs. 5 lakhs has been spent so far towards the fulfilment of India's obligation as a member of the Colombo Plan, which envisages the provision of technical assistance of the value of Rs. 1 crore over a period of seven years from July 1950.

(b) The countries to whom this technical Assistance has been provided are Burma, Ceylon, Indonesia, Malaya and Singapore, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines and Thailand. I would invite attention to the statement laid on the Table of the House in reply to Starred Question No. 638 on 25th November, 1952.

(c) India has received both technical and financial assistance. The information regarding technical assistance was contained in the statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Question. As regards financial aid a statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 33.]

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know Sir, the number of experts who have arrived from various countries to India, and the countries from which they have come in connection with this?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** About 20 experts are working in this country. Of them, 3 are from New Zealand, 1 from Australia and 16 from the United Kingdom.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know, Sir, what is the nature of the assistance which India has given to other countries in connection, and also the details of the assistance?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** I think he wants the break-up of the figure of 5 lakhs. I think the break-up is as follows: training facilities 1,75,000; cost of three experts to Ceylon 14,000; contribution to the expenses of the Bureau, I mean under the Colombo Plan, Rs. 40,000; cost of the construction of the hostel of the Central Rice Research Institute for accommodating international students 2,32,000 and provision for 5 fellowships and scholarships, 1,00,000.

**Shri Dahhi:** May I know, Sir, whether under the Colombo Plan the financial aid that is given is by way of loans or grants?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He wants to know whether the financial aid is in the form of loans or grants.

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** The financial assistance or the technical assistance? I think it is grants, not loans.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I know, Sir, if with India's becoming a member of the Colombo Plan the effect is that our Five-Year Plan will be converted into a Six-Year Plan?

पंजित सी० एन० बालबीच : क्या वह बताया जा सकता है कि यह जो एकस्पर्टस् हैं वह किस किस बात के हैं ?

श्री बी० आर० भगत : जी हाँ, इन के विषय यह है :

Highway Engineering, Medical, Public Health, Coal Mines, Technical Research, Agricultural and Allied subjects, Telephones and others.

**Shri Damodara Menon:** May I know, Sir, whether the help to Burma under the Colombo Plan is over and above the loan already given by the Government of India?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** This has nothing to do with the loan.

पंजित सी० एन० बालबीच : यह जो एकस्पर्टस् बाहर से बुलाये गये हैं, क्या इन को बुलाने के पहले इस बात की जांच कर ली गयी थी कि वैसे एकस्पर्टस् हिन्दुस्तान में नहीं वे ?

श्री बी० आर० भगत : जी, हाँ !

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know, Sir, what nature of technical help has been rendered to the Government of Burma and the expenditure on that and the officers sent?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Regarding the first two, they have been answered.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** What is the nature of the technical assistance?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It is not necessary to go into those details. Whatever they want.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May we know, Sir, if in the selection of these experts our Government had any say or not?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** Yes. All negotiations for technical assistance are bilateral. They are sent as a result of agreement between the countries concerned.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know, Sir, who were the experts sent to Burma?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** I am sorry I cannot give the names at this stage.

बंधित स्त्री० ऐन० मासपीठ : जिन एक्स-पर्ट्स को बुलाया गया है, क्या भावना ऐसे एक्सपर्ट्स को हिन्दुस्तान में तैयार करने के लिये ऐसी स्कीम बना ली गयी है कि वह एक्सपर्ट्स बाहर से न बुलाने पड़ें और हिन्दुस्तान से बाहर भेजकर या यहाँ काम सिखा कर उन्हीं को तैयार कर लिया जाय ?

श्री बो० आर० भगत : जी हाँ, इसका भी इन्तजाम है ।

#### EXPORT OF SCRAP MICA

\*912. **Shri N. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to put a ban on the export of scrap mica?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (**Shri K. D. Malaviya:**) Yes, Sir. A proposal to ban the export of scrap mica for a period of two or three years as an experimental measure is under consideration.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I know, Sir, the reason for the banning of these exports?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** It is said that out of the scrap mica that is exported from here an attempt is being made to produce a type of synthetic mica called 'Semica'. So we thought that by banning our exports of scrap mica we might be able to restrict the production of 'Semica' outside.

**Shri Nanadas:** Is it a fact, Sir, that even if we ban the exports of scrap mica from our country, the requirements of mica can be met by South America, Australia, Canada, South Africa, Italy, Norway and Sweden?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** We are the biggest exporters of scrap mica; 80 per cent. is exported by us. But it is also a fact that certain countries are producing mica and exporting it to America and other countries.

**Shri Nanadas:** Do the Government propose to call for the viewpoints of all the parties concerned in mica scrap trade before taking any decision to ban the exports?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The matter is being considered by the Commerce and Industry Ministry and they will take into consideration all the aspects.

**Shri Natesan:** Is there any proposal to manufacture micanite in Madras?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** So far, as Government is concerned, No, Sir.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I seek this information—whether India is importing scrap mica from Brazil?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** No.

**Shri Natesan:** Is the Government aware of the fact that there is a factory producing micanite in Gudur?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He does not know.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** To what countries was scrap mica exported in the past?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** What were the countries to which scrap mica was exported before banning?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I said the ban is under consideration. We have not yet imposed the ban. The biggest importing country is the U.S.A.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware of the fact that this ban on the export of mica is resulting in unemployment of a large number of workers?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** So far as I said, Sir, the Government have not banned the exports. The proposal to ban exports is under consideration. There are other reasons for the exports having gone down.

**Shri N. Brockdas Nair:** May I know, Sir, what is the total quantity of scrap mica exported last year and whether this trade is being conducted by monopolists or small-scale agents?