

India during 1954-55 for the uplift of Scheduled Castes etc. under the Five Year Plan in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, its outline and economic aspects?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). A statement showing the details of the schemes for Madhya Pradesh approved by the Government of India for 1954-55 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 61.]

YOGA ASHRAMS

***1299. Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 541 on the 30th November, 1954 and state the results of the research work done by Kaivalyadhana Shreeman Madhava Yoga Mandir Samiti, Poona?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 62.]

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND FAR EAST

***1300. Shri Magan Lal Bagdi:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian delegation participated in E.C.A.F.E.'s (Regional) Sub-Committee meeting on mineral resources held recently; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken at that meeting?

The Minister in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decisions were taken at the meeting. A statement giving important recommendations made by the Sub-Committee is, however, laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 63.]

SURVEY TRAINING SCHOOL

***1301. Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Central and State Government Officers trained during 1954 so far in the Survey Training School at Dehra Dun; and

(b) whether any neighbouring countries deputed any of their Officers for training in this Institution during the year 1954?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Eight Officers of the Central Government and eight Officers deputed by the State Governments were trained during 1954.

(b) No, Sir. But five Officers who were deputed in 1953 completed their training in 1954.

DIAMONDS

***1302. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of diamonds obtained from diamond mines in India during the year 1953-54 so far;

(b) the total amount of royalty received from these mines during 1953-54 so far; and

(c) whether any other kind of tax is levied on such diamonds?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Figures of production of minerals are collected for calendar years. Total output of diamonds in India during calendar year 1953 was 2,207 Carats. Information regarding 1954 is not yet due.

(b) Rs. 1,00,780.

(c) Yes, Sir.