

Shri S. N. Das : May I know whether any new branch of this department has been opened and, if so, at what place?

Shri A. C. Guha : I have stated that the Reserve Bank has just approved the scheme. The scheme has not yet been implemented. This department will continue to be under the overall charge of the chief officer. There will be three deputy chief officers, one in charge of the planning and re-organisation division, the second, with the inspection and operation division and the third, with the training, publications and general division. The question of opening branches in other towns will come up when these divisions have started functioning, and according to the load of work the branches may be opened.

Shri S. N. Das : May I know whether the question of the requirement of personnel, finance, etc. has been examined by the Reserve Bank and, if so, what is the requirement in these respects?

Shri A. C. Guha : Some staff is being recruited, or, at least a decision has been taken, and the recruitment is expected to take place very shortly. As regards the other things, I could not follow what the question was.

Shri S. N. Das : What is the amount that the Reserve Bank is going to spend in this regard?

Shri A. C. Guha : There would not be any financial difficulty. Whatever amount is necessary, the Reserve Bank will surely place it at the disposal of this department.

Shri Matthen : May I know whether any attempt is being made for the training of personnel by starting a school or a college for the boys?

Shri A. C. Guha : I have already stated that of the three new departments, one department will be for training, publication and general division, which will attend to the training of the required personnel, etc. I think the hon. Member knows that there are already one or two schools for training the personnel—the co-operative workers—one training college at Poona. I am not sure about one or two training centres.

Lignite

*2100. **Shri V. P. Nayar :** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have received any representation from the State Government of Travancore-Cochin or other organisations in Travancore-Cochin to include in the Second Five Year Plan the working of the lignite available in the Warkalai region ; and

(b) whether a detailed survey of the lignite belt starting from Warkalai region and going Northward has been made?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The systematic mapping and mineral survey of the Warkalai region have been taken up by the Geological Survey department and the work is in progress.

Shri V. P. Nayar : May I know whether Government are aware that even as early as in the 1920's, a very detailed survey of lignite deposits of Warkalai belt had been made by an eminent geologist like Dr. King?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall : Some information was given but no systematic survey was done in Travancore-Cochin. The systematic survey started only in 1951-52.

Shri V. P. Nayar : In view of the fact that in the Warkalai cliffs alone, about 300 million tons of lignite are estimated to be present in the bowels of the earth and also in view of the fact that the whole of Kerala has not even one ton of coal extracted now, may I know whether Government has any programme to have a pilot project in this area?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall : The estimated reserve of lignite is about 276 million tons, and it is not known to what extent the lignite can be worked successfully, economically.

Shri V. P. Nayar : May I know whether Government have recently made any analysis of the lignite available from Warkalai with a view to find out the ash and water content?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall : Yes, Sir.

विदेशों में भारतीय विद्यार्थी

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(क) विदेशों में प्राइवेट तौर पर पढ़ने वाले कितने भारतीय विद्यार्थियों को १९५४-५५ में केन्द्रीय सरकार से वित्तीय सहायता प्राप्त हुई ;

(ख) इस प्रकार की सहायता की कुल राशि कितनी थी ;

(ग) इस प्रकार की सहायता प्राप्त करने के लिये क्या किन्हीं शर्तों को पूरा करना पड़ता है और यदि हाँ, तो उनका व्योरा क्या है ; और