

the State Bank in expanding its activities and providing banking facilities to rural areas as also in the matter of rural finance. That would be the main function. So that Co-ordination would come indirectly at least, if not directly.

**Shri Matthen:** May I know if the hon. Minister and the Government will appoint a practical banker as the head of this department and not an arm-chair banker as they used to?

**Shri A. C. Guha:** It is a suggestion for action.

**Mr. Speaker:** In a sense, it is.

### Chromite Ore Reserves

\*2276. **Shri R. N. S. Deo:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Chamber of Commerce have estimated the Chromite Ore Reserves of the country at 200 million tons; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government in this connection?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali)** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under investigation.

**Shri R. N. S. Deo:** May I know what action has been taken on the recommendation of the First Five Year Plan to have mapping and drilling the other areas for estimating the chromite ore reserves?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** Investigations could not be carried on under the First Five Year Plan. But, provision has been made in the Second Five Year Plan and top priority will be given to survey.

**Shri R. N. S. Deo:** May I know whether it is a fact that only 800 acres out of an estimated area of 1000 square miles have so far been surveyed by the N.S.S.R. Ministry?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** I could not exactly say how far that information is correct. But the estimates which were given to us by the Orissa Chamber of Commerce seem to be 200 million tons where as our estimates was only 1.3 million tons. From the information that is available at the present moment, there does not seem to be any justification to believe that they are of the measure of 200 million tons.

**Shri R. N. S. Deo:** The hon. Minister just now said that the N.R.S.R. Ministry's estimate is 1.3 million tons while the day before yesterday the Commerce and Industry Ministry replied to the supplementary saying that it was 1.5 million tons and the First Five Year Plan has given the figure as 6,02,000 tons. May I know which is the correct figure?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** The figure which has been given by me, *viz.*, 1.3 million tons is correct according to my information.

### Baroda Kala Bhawan Technical Institute

\*2278. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recognize Diplomas of Architecture awarded by the Board Kala Bhawan Technical Institute;

(b) if so, since what time; and

(c) the number of diploma holders of the above Institute who have been employed by Government?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI. annexure No. 38.]

**श्री आर० एन० सिंह:** क्या मैं माननीय मंत्री से जान सकता हूँ कि होम मिनिस्ट्री ने आर्किटेक्चर डिप्लोमाज डिग्रीज में केवल ए० आई० आई० ए० और आर० आई० बी० ए० डिप्लोमाज को ही रेकमेंड किया है और क्या यह सही नहीं है कि एज्युकेशन मिनिस्ट्री को ही आर्किटेक्चर इत्यादि में डिप्लोमा और डिग्री रिकगनाइज करने का अधिकार है?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** So far as qualifications in professional and technical matters are concerned, it is the Education Ministry that deals with this particular matter. I do not know whether the Home Ministry has specified the qualifications. Before 1949 the different Ministries had their own specifications regarding these qualifications. After 1949, the Education Ministry has been given the responsibility of finding out what should be the qualifications for Government employment. Since 1953, the matter is being dealt with by an Assessment Board which has been set up in the Ministry of Education in association with the U.P. S.C. under the aegis of the All India Council of Technical Education.

**श्री आर० एन० सिंह:** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि यूनियन पब्लिक सर्विस कमिशन को भी अधिकार है कि वह डिप्लोमा या डिग्री को रेकगनाइज कर सके?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** The Union Public Service Commission is not responsible for determining what should be the qualifications. That responsibility has been given