

wants iron ore for her iron and steel industry. India will export iron ore. In addition, the project visualises the construction of new lines from Sambalpur to Titilagarh doubling the track from Vizianagaram to Waltair, purchase of 75 locomotives and over 5000 wagons, and the construction of two new berths at Vishakhapatnam port. So, this is the scheme in a nutshell.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know whether any approach in this connection has been made to the Government of the USA with regard to the amount to be allotted from that specific fund?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** The USA is already there. The withdrawal will be from the USA President's Fund.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** May I know the approximate output of iron ore under this scheme, which is likely to be exported to Japan?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** The scheme as it is will lead to an export of 2 million tons of iron ore.

**Shri U. C. Patnaik:** May I know whether this scheme envisages the development of Paradwip and Gopalpur ports?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** This scheme does not contain anything more than what I have stated.

#### Scholarships in Humanities

\*1132. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on research scholarships in humanities so far; and

(b) the amount earmarked for the purpose during the period of the First Five Year Plan?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Shri M. M. Das):** (a) Rs. 2,07,217 (Rupees two lakhs, seven thousand, two hundred and seventeen only).

(b) Rs. 8,60,000 (Rupees eight lakhs, sixty thousand only) in the First Five Year Plan as drawn up in 1952.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know how much money has been earmarked during the First Five Year Plan period for research scholarships on scientific and technical subjects?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** This question relates only to humanities. The information asked for by the hon. Member is not at my disposal at present.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** I wanted to have a comparative estimate as to the amount spent on the humanities and that spent on scientific and technical subjects. But the hon. Parliamentary Secretary....

**Mr. Speaker:** He has said that he has not got the information with him. The hon. Member may put any other question that he wants.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know the reason why only a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs has been spent so far, though the First Five Year Plan period is almost coming to an end, and the balance of Rs. 6 lakhs is still to be spent? May I know what difficulties are in the way of spending this amount?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** Firstly, the scheme came into force only very late in 1953-54, and scholarships and stipends were given to the students only for two months instead of for ten months. Secondly, the number of suitable candidates adequately qualified was not large, and even among the candidates who were selected for these stipends, some went away because they got employment.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know in what subjects this research in humanities has been done so far, and in what subjects suitable candidates were not available?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** There was no quota fixed for each subject. As regards the break-up, I have got with me only the figures for last year.

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not think he wants the figures. He wants to know the subjects.

**Dr. M. M. Das:** There is another question relating to this very subject, and in respect of that question, I have got the figures for last year. The break-up of the number of the candidates subject-wise is as follows (during 1955-56):

History . . . . .	6
Political Science . . . . .	1
Philosophy . . . . .	2
Psychology . . . . .	3
Mathematics . . . . .	3
Sociology . . . . .	1
Economics . . . . .	5
Anthropology . . . . .	1
Persian . . . . .	1
Arabic . . . . .	1
Kannada . . . . .	1
Sanskrit . . . . .	6
Telugu . . . . .	1
Hindi . . . . .	2
Tamil . . . . .	3
Fine Arts . . . . .	1

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** The Ministry of Education have laid down very stringent conditions for the award of these scholarships, which disable people from taking advantage of this scheme. May I know what those conditions are?

**Dr. M. M. Das:** The only condition that the candidates have to fulfil is that they should be first class M.A.s; and in special cases, second class M.A.s also will be considered. During the first year, the selection committee was under the chairmanship of Acharya J. B. Kripalani, and for the next two years, it was under the chairmanship of Sardar K. M. Panikkar.

### Mineral Oil Deposits

\*1133. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the replies given to Starred Questions Nos. 721 and 1679 on the 13th August and the 12th September, 1955 respectively and state:

(a) whether any success has been achieved by the Standard Vacuum Oil Company in their search for mineral oil deposits in the West Bengal; and

(b) if so, in which part of the State and to what extent?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). The Standard Vacuum Oil Company have completed their seismic refraction survey over the entire area comprising approximately 10,000 sq. miles spread over in nine districts of West Bengal viz. Burdwan, Birbhum, Bankura, Midnapur, Howrah, Hoogly, 24-Parganas, Nadia and Murshidabad. The Company are now conducting experiments for a seismic refraction survey in certain parts of the district of Nadia. It is still premature to attempt to form any definite conclusion about the success of the Company in their search for mineral oil deposits in West Bengal.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** May I know how many Indians have been associated actually with this exploration process?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I do not know the number; but many Indians have been associated.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Apart from what the Government of India have already spent (*vide* reply to S.Q. No. 1679 on 12th September 1955), may I know what further amount has been spent so far?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** If the hon. Member wants the expenditure in this connection, so far the Government of India have spent about Rs. 37,50,000. Our share was only one-fourth of the expenditure.

**श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी :** क्या मंत्री महोदय से जान सकता हूँ कि तेल के

प्रास्पेक्टिंग के सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने स्वयं इस वक्त तक क्या कार्यवाही की है और इस विषय में क्या आशा है ?

**श्री के० डी० मालवीय :** सरकार बराहे-रास्त भी तेल की तलाश कर रही है। जैसलमेर और सोराष्ट्र के कुछ हल्कों में उसकी तलाश की जा रही है और कांगड़ा बैली में भी सरखे का काम हो रहा है। इन तीन जगहों में काम जारी है। जब कोई भ्रच्छा नतीजा मालूम होगा, तो वह इस हाउस के सामने पेश कर दिया जायेगा।

**Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** May I know whether the results of the survey and experiments have been made available to Government, and also whether Government keep themselves in constant touch with the results?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Yes; we are posted with all the detailed results now and we hope that we shall take full advantage of the knowledge that we have gained.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know whether the Government are assured that the Indians who were associated with SVOC in the exploration of oil deposits will be able very soon to do the work for Government in their own enterprises?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I think we have passed that stage; and now, experts who are available to us from our own country are getting into the know-how very quickly; so, there is not much need for us to depend now on the knowledge that we gain from the particular oil company.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**श्रीमती शिवराजवती नेहक :** यह खोज कितनी देर तक चलती रहेगी ?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order.

### Wooden Ships

\*1134. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India intend obtaining or constructing wooden ships in the near future?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia):** Yes.

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** Are Government aware that the UK and the USA have launched many wooden warships?