

Dr. M. M. Das : The Education Ministry is giving help to the physically handicapped and also mentally deficient children.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty : May I know how much money, if any, has been granted by the Education Ministry to the Deaf and Dumb School in Calcutta, which is one of the premier institutions ?

Dr. M. M. Das : I require notice.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know what the hon. Parliamentary Secretary means by "mentally deficient" ? May I also know how much money has been spent for the mentally deficient here or elsewhere ?

Dr. M. M. Das : I require notice.

SALT AND IRON DEPOSITS IN KANGRA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of the Punjab have made a proposal to the Central Government for the investigation of salt and iron deposits in the Kangra Valley ; and

(b) if so, action taken thereon ?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Regional geological survey is in progress in the District of Kangra and this will help to locate the deposits.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether there is any proposal for the exploitation of the Mandi salt mines in Kangra District and if so, what action has been taken in the matter ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : The exploitation of salt mines is in the hands of the Production Ministry.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know if any iron ore has been found in Kangra District and if so, what steps have been taken for the exploitation of this iron ore ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : The exploitation of mineral resources is not a subject under the N. R. & S. R. Ministry. It is in the hands of the Ministry of Production and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : The Punjab Government has sent some proposals for the exploitation of salt and iron ore. May I know whether the Government of India have taken any action on those proposals ?

Shri K. D. Malaviya : The proposals from the Punjab Government would have gone to the Ministry of Production.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : The hon. Minister says that exploitation of iron ore and minerals is under the other Ministry.

श्रीमती कमलेंद्रमति शाह : क्या मैं जान सकती हूँ कि अभी हाल में देहरी गढ़वाल में बहुत सा लोहा और तांबा मिला है।

श्री के० डी० मालवीय : जरूर मिला होगा लेकिन मुझे इसकी सूचना अभी नहीं है।

Shri C. D. Pande : I want to put Question No. 183.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : Does the hon. Member have any authority ?

The question is in the name of Shri M. L. Dwivedi.

Shri C. D. Pande : I request you to direct it to be answered.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : I will do so, after giving opportunities to those hon. Members who have given notice of questions but who were absent at the time they were called. I find none of them here. Let Question No. 183 be answered.

संघ लोक सेवा आयोग की पांचवी रिपोर्ट

* १८३. श्री एम० एल० बिबी : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री संघ लोकसेवा आयोग की पांचवी रिपोर्ट के पृष्ठ ६ पर उल्लिखित निम्नलिखित वक्तव्य के सम्बन्ध में "कि