

IRON ORES IN MANDI

525. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether any analysis of the iron ores collected in the Mandi Area of the Northern Circle has been made; and

(b) if so, what results have been obtained out of these experiments?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 8.]

LITERACY IN INDIA

526. Shri B. N. Kureel: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any literacy census has been made in the country after partition;

(b) the percentage of literacy; and

(c) the States having the highest and lowest percentage of literacy?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes, literacy census was taken along with the 1951 General census.

(b) and (c). The figures are still under compilation.

ARMY OFFICERS ABOVE THE RANK OF COLONEL

527. Shri Ajit Singh: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state how

many full Colonels and other officers above this rank have been dismissed on corruption charges?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopaldaswami): Two, Sir.

EXCHANGE BANKS IN INDIA

528. Shri G. P. Sinha: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Exchange Banks operating in India;

(b) how many of them are exclusively financed by the Indians; and

(c) the total capital invested in them?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) The number of Exchange Banks by which term the hon. Member presumably means banks authorised to deal in foreign exchange operating in India is thirty-seven.

(b) It is presumed the hon. Member has in mind the extent of shareholding in such banks. It is not possible to say in how many of them the share capital is held exclusively by Indians. However, the shareholding of twenty of these banks is predominantly Indian.

(c) The total paid-up share capital of predominantly Indian banks dealing in foreign exchange is Rs. 24.47 crores.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE BANKS IN INDIA

529. Shri G. P. Sinha: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state how many Indians are employed in the Foreign Exchange Banks financed by non-Indians operating in India?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): Government have no information.