

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). The prospecting for gold in a strip of land measuring about 40 miles in length and approximately 1 mile in width in Champua sub-division of Keonjhar District in Orissa is being carried out by the Indian Bureau of Mines. The prospecting was started in July, 1953 and is in progress. The results of Manual washing of the rock material have so far established an incidence of 3 to 4 grains per ton. These results are reported to be encouraging and it is expected that with improved methods of washing the recovery of gold may improve.

EDUCATION OFFICES AT NAIROBI

*1388. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether Education Sections have been opened in the Indian Commission at Nairobi and in the Embassy at Bonn, and if so, when?

(b) What is the annual expenditure of each and what is the number of students whose interests are looked after by them?

(c) What is the total number of Indian students at both these places at present?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes. The Education Section in the Indian Commission, Nairobi, was opened in February, 1953, while the Education Section in the Embassy of India, Bonn, was opened in May, 1953.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 95.]

(c) There are no Indian students in British East Africa, while the number of Indian students in the West Germany is about 200.

LITERARY WORKSHOP, MYSORE

275. **Shri N. Rachiah:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state what is the expenditure incurred on the literary workshop in Mysore during February, 1954?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): Rs. 12,500 (approximately).

HINDUSTAN AIRCRAFT LTD.

276. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to lay on the table of the House a Statement as on 15th January 1954 showing (i) the total number of employees in the Hindustan Aircraft Limited, Bangalore, with a break up for casual and regular employees, (ii) the number of employees grade-wise or category-wise in the Aircraft, and Railcoach establishments and (iii) the number of employees getting basic wages of Rs. 2 or below?

The Minister of Defence Organisations (Shri Tyagi): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 96.]

VOLUNTARY SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS

277. **Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) what is the allotment for expenditure in different years out of the provision of Rs. 4 crores made in the Plan for rendering assistance to voluntary social organisations;

(b) what amounts were spent during the past two years of the Plan period; and

(c) what amounts have been budgeted for (i) the existing activities of social service; (ii) developing new programmes; and (iii) carrying out pilot projects?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) There is a provision of Rs. 25,00,000 for the year 1953-54, and a sum of Rs. 1,50,00,000 has been proposed in the budget for 1954-55 for Social Welfare.

(b) Nil. The Social Welfare Board set up specifically for the purpose has started functioning from this year.

(c) This question of the distribution of funds for various types of activities has been examined by the