SCHEDULED CASTE SCHOLARSHIPS

*270. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the scholarships granted to the Scheduled Castes students are stopped in the middle of their studies; and
- (b) what is the number of scholarships discontinued in the State of Bihar in 1953-54, although sanctioned earlier?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) No, except in the case of students who have either been awarded State scholarships of higher value or have left their studies or have failed in the annual examination. Medical and Engineering students failing for the first time by a margin of 5 per cent. of students prevented from appearing at the annual examination on account of illness are however granted an extension.

(b) 11 out of a total of 93 applicants for renewal.

LIGNITE DEPOSITS

*271. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some years ago, the Geological Survey of India had unearthed lignite deposits in and around Cannanore Town of Malabar District (Madras);
- (b) whether Government propose to place on the Table of the House the report sent to the Government by the excavators in this connection; and
- (c) why this excavation work was suddenly stopped, and, what plans the Government of India have to tap these lignite deposits in the area?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) to (c). A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 7.]

इंजीनियर सेना द्वारा दिल्ली में स्रोदा गया नाला

*२७३. श्री नवल प्रभाकर: क्या रक्ता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में इंजीनियर-सेना द्वारा पानी के इंजन तक एक नाला खोदा गया है जिससे जमना के प्रवाह में परिवर्तन हो जाये और दिल्ली की जनता के लिये पानी की कमी तरहे;
- (ख) इस कार्य में कितने इंजीनियरों और सैनिकों न भाग लिया; और
- (ग) क्या इस कार्य के फलस्त्ररूप पानी की सप्लाई की स्थिति में कुछ सुधार हुआ है?

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

- (b) Eight men.
- (c) Yes.

पंजाब में अनुसुचित क्षेत्र

*२७४. डा॰ सत्यवादी : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री ३ मई, १९५४ को पूछे गये तारां-कित प्रश्न संख्या २१९७ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

- (क) क्या पंजाब सरकार ने १९५४-५५ में अनुसूचित क्षेत्रों के सुधार के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार को कोई योजना भेजी है; और
- (स) यदि हां, तो उसकी रूपरेसा क्या है?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement showing the outlines of the schemes and the ceilings fixed for 1954-55, is laid on the Table of the House. [Seε Appendix III, annexure No. 3.]