

### Stainless Steel

**203. Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of **Natural Resources and Scientific Research** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India possesses large manganese deposits but lacks nickel and other material necessary in the manufacture of stainless steel;

(b) whether any National Laboratory in India has made a research to discover a substitute for nickel;

(c) if so, with what result; and

(d) whether manganese can be a substitute?

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

(b) and (c). The National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur, has in hand the determination of the most suitable composition of chromium-manganese-nickel nitrogen steel for use to resist atmospheric corrosion in India. The work is, however in the early stage.

(d) From experiments carried out in foreign countries, it is understood that manganese can be a substitute for nickel in the manufacture of stainless steel for some uses to a certain extent only.

### Rubber Industry

**204. Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of capital invested upto the 31st December, 1953 by foreigners in the rubber plantations and rubber goods manufacturing concerns; and

(b) the percentage of profits remitted out of India, and percentage ploughed back in the same industry?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) Figures upto the 30th June 1948 are available in the Reserve Bank of India's Report on the Census of India's Foreign Assets and Liabilities published in 1950, a copy of which is available in the Library of the House. Figures in respect of the later period will be available in the Reserve Bank's next Report on the same subject which is likely to be published in a few months and a copy of which will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Government have no information.

### Oil Prospecting

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

(a) the progress made by the Geological Survey in locating mineral oil in the Western Himalayan regions; and

(b) the progress made for prospecting mineral oil and petroleum in the Kangra District?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). A statement giving the information required is attached. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 51].

### Ex-Employees of the Civil Supplies Department

**206. Shri I. Eacharan:** Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-employees of the Rationing and Civil Supplies Department of the Madras State re-employed in the Central Government offices from August 1954 to the 1st July, 1955; and

(b) the number of persons who have been registered for employment during the above period?

**The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a) The figures are not available separately from August 1954, but from January 1954 to 30th June 1955, the numbers absorbed in employment were as follows:—

|                                  |    |     |
|----------------------------------|----|-----|
| Central Government Establishment | .. | 35  |
| State Government Establishments  | .. | 373 |
| Private Employment               | .. | 11  |
| Total                            | .. | 419 |

(b) From January 1954 to June 1955.

The number on the live register at the end of June 1955 was .. 272

### Training of Armed Forces Personnel Abroad

**207. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers of the Armed Forces sent abroad for training during 1953-54 and 1954-55 year-wisely;

(b) the duration of their training;

(c) the expenditure incurred on them so far; and

(d) the nature of training received?

**The Minister of Defence (Dr. Katju):** (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.