

## LIMESTONE DEPOSITS

**222. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether limestone deposits have been discovered in the Districts of Kangra and Hoshiarpur; and

(b) if so, the names of the places where they have been discovered?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). Existence of limestone deposits has been found by the Geological Survey of India at Dharmkot in the Kangra District.

The Geological Survey of India is not aware of any occurrence of limestone deposits in the Hoshiarpur District.

## SMUGGLING

**223. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of smugglers arrested on the West Bengal border during 1955-56 so far;

(b) the total value of goods confiscated;

(c) the major items among them; and

(d) the number of smugglers convicted?

**The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha):** (a) No smuggler was arrested on the West Bengal border during 1955-56 (up to 31st January 1956);

(b) the total value of goods confiscated during that period by competent Customs Officers, in exercise of their powers under the Land Customs Act, is Rs. 9,53,884 approximately;

(c) the major items involved were betelnuts, corriander seeds, strawmats, rock salt, gold, silver, Indian and Pakistan currency notes, cotton textile, art silk and medicines;

(d) no smuggler was sent up for trial in a court of law during that period.

## IRON ORES

**224. Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state whether any investigation regarding iron ores in Talli Ramgarh in Nainital District was undertaken by Government recently?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** Yes, Sir. While there is evidence of old quarrying and ferruginous quartzite and haematite, no promising deposits of iron ore have been located. The Directorate of Geology and Mining of Uttar Pradesh Government intend to carry out further investigations this year.

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**225. Ch. Raghbir Singh:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that detail investigation for limestone was carried out at Mussorie, Dehra Dun; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

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

(b) A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 11.]

## LAW COMMISSION

**226. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state the number of meetings held and tours undertaken by the Law Commission since the 20th December, 1955?

**The Minister of Legal Affairs (Shri Pataskar):** Four (inclusive of meetings held independently by the two sections of the Commission). No tour has yet been undertaken by the Commission. The Commission will have