

(b) A target to establish 1,320 welfare extension projects by the end of the Second Five Year Plan period has been fixed. This will provide on an average four welfare extension projects in each District including the average of one already established during the First Five Year Plan period. These projects are expected to cover about 23,000 villages and are estimated to cost about Rs. 18.6 crores out of which the Central Social Welfare Board will share 50%. In addition a jeep will be provided to every two projects in a District and the expenditure on this account during the Second Five Year Plan period is estimated at Rs. 40 lakhs.

ALLOY STEELS

1089. Shri Siddananjappa: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes taken in hand by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research to make India self-sufficient in alloy steels; and

(b) the important decisions arrived at in the symposium on alloy steels recently arranged by the National Metallurgical Laboratory?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 68.]

ROYALTY ON MINES

1090. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of royalty leviable on the mines leased out in Orissa is very low with the result that the Government of Orissa get negligible revenue on that account;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the rate of royalty and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). No Sir, uniform rates of royalty for various minerals have been laid down in the Mineral Concession Rules which are applicable to all States in India. The rates have recently been revised and increased where increase was justifiable.

(c) Does not arise.

STUDY OF OCEANOGRAPHY

1091. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign students undergoing the course of Oceanography in the Andhra University;

(b) the facilities given to these students; and

(c) the number of Indian students studying Oceanography in foreign universities and the total amount spent on them by Government during 1955-56?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) None.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) None as far as Government of India is aware; the latter part does not arise.

चमार रेजीमेंट

१०६२. श्री पी० एल० बांरुपाल : क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत महा-युद्ध में भारतीय सेना में एक चमार रेजीमेंट थी;

(ख) यदि हां तो क्या इस रेजीमेंट में केवल चमार सिपाही थे;

(ग) उस रेजीमेंट में कुल कितने सिपाही थे;

(घ) उसे क्यों भंग कर दिया गया;