

(xv) The Staff of the bank did not have proper training in banking and Co-operation.

(b) The suggestions made by the Reserve Bank for remedying the defects were received favourably and it is reported that steps are being taken by the institutions for rectification and improvement.

#### WELFARE EXTENSION PROJECTS IN ASSAM

**2263. Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Welfare Extension Projects started in Assam, so far;

(b) the names of villages in the district of Kamrup and Goalpara where these projects have been started; and

(c) the amount spent during 1954-55 and 1955-56 on them?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) Seventeen.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha as soon as possible.

#### LIMESTONE DEPOSITS

**2264. Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether lime-stone deposits capable of producing high class cement have been found in Garo Hills and Khasi Jayantia Hills of Assam; and

(b) if so, whether any proposals for starting cement factories in Assam have been submitted by the State Government?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. On the recommendations of the Government of Assam, licences have been granted to the Associated Cement Companies Ltd., Bombay,

and the Assam Cements Ltd., Shillong, to set up one cement factory each in Garo Hills district and Khasi and Jayantia Hills district, respectively.

#### COALFIELDS OF GARO HILLS

**2265. Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal containing 52 and 48 per cent of fixed carbon has been found in the Garo Hills of Assam; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme to exploit coalfields of Garo Hills, the estimated reserve of which has been calculated at more than 200 million tons?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) According to the information available with the Geological Survey of India, maximum 53 per cent fixed carbon is obtained in coal from Siju area and 46 per cent from West Darangiri.

(b) The Central Government have initiated an investigation and mapping of the coalfields of Garo Hills.

#### ESTATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

**2266. { Shri Punnoose:  
Shri V. P. Nayar:**

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Secretary of the Estate Employees Association, Mundakayam, Travancore-Cochin State and its Vice-President along with 14 other workers were arrested on the 26th April, 1956 at Vengathanam Estate in the Mundakayam Area; and

(b) whether complaints have been received that the arrested persons were severely manhandled in public by the police headed by the Sub-Inspector, Mundakayam?

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant):** (a) Yes.

(b) Yes; five complaints have been filed before the Magistrate of POKUNNAM, and the matter is *sub judice*.