

INDIAN FRONTIER ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICE

2284. { **Shri Rishang Keishing:**
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri P. L. Kureel:
Shri Deogam:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications so far received and the number of candidates interviewed for the Indian Frontier Administrative Service;

(b) the names of the Members of the Selection Board; and

(c) how it has been constituted?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) About 1,000 applications were received of whom 271 have been selected for interview. So far 158 candidates have been interviewed.

(b) The Board consists of the Foreign Secretary, Defence Secretary, Home Secretary, Adviser to the Governor of Assam and the Tribal Member of the Assam Public Service Commission.

(c) According to the Indian Frontier Administrative Service Rules the Selection Board is to be constituted by the Central Government.

A copy of these rules has been laid on the Table of the House in reply to question No. 1662 on 23rd April, 1956.

ROPEWAY SCHEME UNDER SECOND
PLAN

2286. Shri Gadilingana Gowd: Will the **Minister of Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a blue print is under preparation for a 77 mile long ropeway which will be the longest in Asia, linking the coal bearing tracts of the Charrapunji-Shella region in the Ghasia Hills with the industrial towns of Pandu and Amingaon on the banks of the Brahmaputra and

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been approved by the Planning Commission?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) A scheme for a ropeway between Shella Bazar and Amingaon in Assam is under preparation.

(b) The scheme is still being examined in detail by the State Government.

MICA MINES

2287. Shri A. M. Thomas: Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Mica Mines in Andhra have turned out to be rich sources of uranium; and

(b) if so whether it has been possible to estimate the quantity of ores in them?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). Only one Mica Mine in Andhra State has so far produced a few hundred pounds of radioactive material. The work on estimation of reserves of radioactive minerals in this mine is in progress.

GAS TURBINE PLANT

2238. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued a licence for starting a Gas Turbine Plant; and

(b) if so, the location of the proposed Plant?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

2289. { **Shri Kamath:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state the names of countries in Asia, Europe and America with whom India