

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): No student has been sent by the Government of India; but two persons who were already in employment were awarded scholarships (one by UNESCO—and the other by the Government of Yugoslavia) for study/training abroad in Oceanography

### इस्फुग्जा महानारी

१५८. श्री भक्त बर्मान : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री ३० जुलाई, १९५७ को पूछे गये ताराकित प्रश्न संख्या ४६४ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जब से इस्फुग्जा का प्रकाप हुआ है तब से अब तक दिल्ली में भारत सरकार के प्रत्येक मंत्रालय में नियुक्त विद्वाने व्यक्ति इस्फुग्जा के शिकार हुए ?

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य-जंजी (श्री बालार) : सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और वह सभा-घटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

### Scheduled Castes Employees in Defence Depots

659. { Shri D. A. Katti:  
Shri B. K. Gaikwad:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state

(a) the number of Scheduled Castes Employees serving in the various Defence establishments in Poona;

(b) the percentage of such employees;

(c) whether the percentage reserved for the Scheduled Castes is maintained; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) to (d). Employment in defence establishment is not by castes. The information asked for is not readily available but can be collected only by questioning the employees as to their caste.

### Gypsum Deposits in Tiruchirappalli

660. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey of Gypsum deposits has been carried out by Government in Tiruchirappalli district of Madras State;

(b) if so, the quantity available; and

(c) the steps, if any, that have been taken for its full exploitation?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Shri M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Reserves within a depth of 50 feet are estimated to be about 15 million tons

(c) The matter is under consideration of the State Government

### Mineral Survey in Madras

661. Shri Narasimhan: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to lay on the Table:

(a) a copy of programme of work of the Geological Survey of India and the Bureau of Mines for Madras State for the year 1957-58 and the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) the programme of work of the Geological Survey of India and Indian Bureau of Mines separately for the period mentioned above for Salem district in Madras State?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.