

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): While certain high dignitaries have accepted voluntary cuts in their pay, no groups of Government servants as such have either been requested or have expressed any desire to accept such cuts voluntarily.

Funds for Scheduled Castes etc. Scholarships

***209. Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) how much of the funds allotted for the scholarship to deserving students of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes have been spent for renewal and how much for fresh application during the years 1955-56 and 1956-57; and

(b) whether in view of the fast growing demand of the students of these classes there is any proposal for tightening up the rules in the matter and for enlarging the allotment for the current year?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) So far, there is no proposal to tighten up the Regulations for 1957-58 scholarships. The funds for 1957-58 scholarships have, however, been increased from Rs. 187.60 lakhs available, for 1956-57 scholarships, to Rs. 200 lakhs.

Durgapur Steel Plant

***212. Shri Mahanty:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the private firm with which Government have entered into an agreement for the supply of iron ore from Bolani area of Orissa, for Durgapur Steel Plant; and

(b) what special advantages accrue from this arrangement?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The Government have not entered into any agreement with a private firm for the supply of iron ore for Durgapur Steel Works. A company styled as "Bolani Ores (Private) Ltd." has been formed for mining and supply of iron ore to the Durgapur Steel Project. Government hold 50.5% of the shares of this Company and the balance is held by a private firm—Messrs. Orissa Development Company of Calcutta.

(b) The firm has been doing mining business in the Gua region for a number of years and holds lease of valuable mining areas. It is hoped that by this arrangement, Government investments would be limited and the services of experienced management will be secured. At the same time Government will have effective control over the operations of the enterprise.

कुतब मीनार में बिजली लगाना

***२१३. श्री भक्त दर्शन :** क्या शिक्षा तथा वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्री २६ मई, १९५७ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ५६५ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दिल्ली में कुतुब मीनार में बिजली लगाने की दिशा में इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

शिक्षा तथा वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (डा० का० ला० श्रीमती) : आशा है कि यह काम शीघ्र ही आरम्भ हो जायेगा ।

By-Products from Steel Plants

***221. Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made in the Steel plants for the recovery of by-products;

(b) the by-products that will be available from these plants; and