

(a) whether mining implements were imported from foreign countries for the Neiveli project during the current year;

(b) if so, the countries from where they were imported; and

(c) the cost of the materials?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes

(b) and (c) Mining equipment were imported as follows —

Country	Cost
(i) from UK	Rs 25 lakhs
(ii) from USA	Rs 20 lakhs
TOTAL	Rs 45 lakhs

Survey of Krishna District

833. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state

(a) whether the Jaggaiahpet area in Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh has been surveyed,

(b) what are the minerals found in that area, and

(c) the quantity thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The area was surveyed by the Geological Survey of India in 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55

(b) Iron ore and Limestone

(c) The reserves of iron ore as estimated by the Geological Survey of India are 1,325,000 tons and of limestone 26,900,000 tons

Social Welfare Institutions in Assam

834. Shrimati Masda Ahmed: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state the amount of grant-in-aid given by the Central Social Welfare Board to each of the Social Welfare Institutions in Assam during 1956-57?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix III annexure No 83]

Re-finance Corporation

835. Shri Manabendra Shah: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state ,

(a) whether the Re-finance Corporation has been set up , and

(b) if so, what are its functions?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No, Sir Not yet

(b) The primary function of the proposed Corporation will be to augment resources for the use of medium-sized industrial units in the private sector. The Corporation will, for this purpose, provide re-lending facilities against loans given by banks to such medium sized concerns

Indian Air Force Trainees

836. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state

(a) the number of Indians sent abroad for Air Force Training during 1956-57 and 1957-58 so far, and

(b) the names of the countries where they have been sent?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia) (a) 1956-57 204
1957-58 (up to 31-7-1957) 82

(b) UK, USA, France and Italy

Sanchi

837. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state

(a) the amount spent on the maintenance of Sanchi during 1956-57, and

(b) the amount to be spent during 1957-58 ?