

(d) Due to the shortage of supply of steel. It has not been possible to meet in full the requirements of various States.

Aid to Mysore

1042. Shri Sugandhi: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had allocated Rs. 20 crores to the Mysore State as grant and loans for the first year of the Second Five Year Plan to carry out its development works;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some cut has been made in the above allocations; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No, Sir. It would appear that a provision of a Central assistance (including grants and loans) of Rs. 6.48 crores was made by the various Ministries for assistance to Mysore during the 1st year of the Second Plan. (1956-57).

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Bhadravati Iron and Steel Works, Mysore

1043. Shri Sugandhi: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mysore Government had proposed to include schemes of setting up an alloy and steel tool plant and Stainless Steel plant in the expansion programme of Bhadravati Iron and Steel Works;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Mysore Government was asked to delete these schemes; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) After scrutiny of the various schemes proposed by the Government of Mysore for inclusion in the Second Five Year Plan, the Planning Commission decided that this scheme should be deleted.

(c) The main reason was that in the opinion of the technical experts, it would be more convenient and economic for these special steels to be manufactured at a plant alongside one of the integrated steel works. Clean scrap would be readily available as well as other conveniences like surplus gases for heating, common overheads, etc. which would reduce the cost of production.

Scholarships for Other Backward Classes in Kerala

1044. Shri Pocker Sahib: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who received scholarships in 1956-57 in the Kerala State from the funds of the Central Government set apart for the Other Backward Classes; and

(b) the number of Moplah students among them who are drawing these scholarships?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). During 1956-57, scholarships were awarded according to the States as they existed prior to the re-organisation of States. As such information about Kerala State is not available. However, in so far as the former Travancore Cochin State is concerned, 683 scholarships were awarded in 1956-57 to "Other Backward Classes" candidates. 53 of these were Muslims. Information as to how many of them were Moplah students is not available as the Muslim community in Travancore Cochin State, in general, was recognised as belonging to "Other Backward Classes" during 1956-57, for purpose of these scholarships and Muslim