

(c) whether it is a fact that the iron ore found is best suited for the Marine Steel Industry;

(d) whether Government of India or the Mysore State propose to start a Marine Steel Factory in this area, and

(e) if so, at what cost and when it is likely to be started?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (e) A statement giving the available information is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No 59]

#### India's Flora and Fauna

\*587. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state

(a) when the Government propose to publish a complete account of India's flora and fauna, and

(b) the action being taken in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of Government at present

(b) Surveys of Indian flora and fauna are being carried out by the Botanical Survey of India and the Zoological Survey of India respectively. The reports of the Surveys are published by the organisations concerned

#### Foreign Sweepstakes and Lotteries

\*588. Shri Wodeyar: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 84 on the 16th May, 1957, regarding the prize competitions operated by foreign bodies and state whether information has since been collected?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): Yes, the requisite information which is 'Nil' has been laid on the Table of

Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 60]

#### Mineral Production

\*589. Shri Bishwanath Roy: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state whether the percentage of increase in mineral production during the last two years of the First Five Year Plan has continued in the first year of the Second Plan also?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): Yes, Sir. The value of mineral production in India increased by about 3 per cent in 1955 compared with 1954 and by about 10 per cent in 1956 compared with 1955

#### Centre for I.A.S. Examination

\*590. Shri Damani: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that there are large number of eligible Indian students studying in USA and Canada who can appear at IAS or other All India Services examinations conducted by the UPSC, and

(b) whether Government will fix New York or Washington as one of the centres—similar to London, for holding such examinations?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b) A proposal to open a centre for IAS etc, Examination in Washington for the benefit of Indian students was considered and ultimately dropped as the Indian Embassy in Washington on enquiry found that the maximum number of candidates who were likely to take advantage of it would not exceed 15

#### बिदेही नी-सेना बर्षवारो

\*५९१. अ/ हरिवाक्यज्ञ ज्ञानी क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नीलगिरी के निकट वैलिगटन में ह्योपिया, इडोनेशिया