

are given in a statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 25.]

(b) The time taken depends on the nature of the proposals and the adequacy of the details furnished. It is not possible to say what the average time taken is.

(c) Particulars are being collected from individual Ministries and will be laid on the Table early.

(d) A Statement of outstanding requests from Uttar Pradesh is laid on the Table. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 25.] All of these are in various stages of consideration and it is not possible to say when they are likely to be sanctioned. Every effort will be made to expedite the sanction.

#### ART AND CULTURE

\*596. **Shri Lakshmidhar Jena:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money allotted during the years 1953-54 and 1954-55 for the development of Art and Culture in India; and

(b) the amount paid to the State of Orissa in these years?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) Rs. 26,87,000/- for 1953-54 and Rs. 42,37,400/- for 1954-55.

(b) Nil.

#### MANGANESE (PRICE)

\*597. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of manganese has registered a fall and is now fluctuating between Rs. 80/- and Rs. 90/- per ton; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the decline of prices?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for the decline of prices are:—

(i) contraction of demand due to the cessation of U.S. Stockpiling programme;

(ii) gradual emergence of Brazil as a competitor in this commodity; and

(iii) reported re-entry of Russia into the export market.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

\*598. **Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of France awarded any scholarships to Indian nationals this year also for study in France; and

(b) if so, what was the number of scholarships and how the candidates were selected?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 12 fresh awards and 21 renewals. Candidates were screened by a Selection Board constituted by the French Embassy in India in consultation with the Ministry of Education. Final acceptance of the candidates recommended rested with the Government of France. Renewals were made by the French Government direct.

#### मिक्षा वृत्ति को समाप्त करना

\*५९९. **श्री मगन लाल बागड़ी:** क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय समाज कल्याण बोर्ड मिक्षा वृत्ति को समाप्त करने के प्रश्न पर विचार कर रहा है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में कोई योजना बनाई है; और

(ग) समाज कल्याण बोर्ड ने इस सम्बन्ध में प्रत्येक राज्य को कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दी है ?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### EXPLORATION OF IRON ORE

**\*600. Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of the decisions taken at the Bangalore Conference, intensive exploration of iron and allied ores has been made by the Geological Survey of India in South India; and

(b) if so, with what results?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) and (b). The Bangalore conference only made recommendations. Government's decisions on them will soon be taken and implemented.

#### FEATHERS (SMUGGLING)

**\*601. Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale smuggling of feathers of Indian wild birds is being carried on through the French and Portuguese possessions in India; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to stop the said smuggling of feathers?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha):** (a) The information available with Government indicates that such smuggling is on a negligible scale.

(b) In view of the reply to part (a), no special steps have been considered necessary in respect of feathers. However, Customs control over movement of persons and goods across the frontiers with the French and Portuguese possessions has been continually tightened up in recent years.

#### FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

**\*603. Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which grant-in-aid were given (subject-wise) for research work in fundamental research in 1953-54; and

(b) the total amount of grants given during the same period?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 26.]

#### CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY IN TRIPURA

**\*604. Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of States be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant has been given to any co-operative society in Tripura; and

(b) if so, the purpose for which this money has been given?

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** (a) None, so far.

(b) Does not arise.

#### भारतीय कला प्रदर्शनी

**\*६१०. श्री आर० एस० तिवारी:**  
क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) १९५३ और १९५४ में अब तक किन किन देशों में भारतीय कला प्रदर्शनियाँ हुईं; और

(ख) इन प्रदर्शनियों में कितनी सफलता मिली है?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) U.S.A., Canada U.S.S.R., Poland and Germany during 1953 and Argentina, Indonesia, China, Brazil and Venice during 1954.

(b) They helped in promoting cultural relations with the countries concerned and in stimulating interest in these countries in Indian art.