

(c) There is a proposal to set up a Mining Research Station under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. Investigations about the conditions which are favourable in coal mines for the extraction of Methane Gas and research about such extractions can be undertaken by this Mining Research Station when it is set up.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I know, Sir, when that research work has to be undertaken?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I cannot give you any definite idea about the period, Sir. But that Research Station is likely to be set up very soon and when it is set up, we shall see whether this investigation is to be undertaken.

**Shri N. P. Sinha:** May I ask, Sir, if such a gas can profitably be used as fuel also?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** We cannot say anything at this stage.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

#### COMMITTEES TO CO-OPERATE WITH U.N.E.S.C.O.

\*862. **Shri Ram Dass:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) what committees were set up by the Indian National Commission to co-operate with UNESCO in 1951-52;

(b) what were the terms of reference for these committees;

(c) what work has been done by these committees so far; and

(d) what is the time limit within which these committees are expected to finish their work?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) During 1951-52, the Indian National Commission for Unesco set up a Committee to suggest ways and means for promoting education for better world understanding.

(b) The Committee is to suggest to the Commission and the Government of India, methods of implementing Unesco's programme in the field of Education for International Understanding.

(c) and (d). No definite time limit has been fixed but it is hoped that the Committee will not take more time than is necessary to make their suggestions.

**Shri Ram Dass:** May I know, Sir, whether revision of text books is one of the duties of that Committee?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The improvement of text books was one of the functions of the old Committee.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know, Sir, for the betterment of world understanding whether this Committee will consult all the great powers of the world?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** That is a question, Sir, which is difficult for me to answer.

**Shri Velayudhan:** I wanted to know.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. The hon. Member must understand well before he puts the question.

**Mr. Velayudhan rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. He need not argue.

Yes, next question.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HARIJANS

\*863. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government scholarships for Harijan students have been reduced by about two hundred rupees per annum and if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to restore it to the original scale?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** May I know whether the present scale of scholarship given to the Scheduled Caste students is sufficient for their text-books, for their tuition fee and for their boarding charges?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** That is what we think it to be. But if it is necessary, Government are certainly prepared to revise the present scale.

**Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** May I know, Sir, whether the scale of scholarship given by the Central Government is much less than that given by the Provincial Government?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** No.