

Board of Physical Education, appointed in 1953, has made no specific reference to the introduction of Yogic Physical Culture in schools and colleges. But it is expected that Yogic exercises will form a part of the Physical Education Syllabus now being framed by another Sub-Committee especially set up for this purpose by the Board.

IRON ORE

*2598. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state the reasons for the decrease in the output of iron ore during the month of January, 1955 as compared to that in December, 1954?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): The production figures for December 1954 and January 1955 were approximately 382,000 and 357,000 tons respectively. The variation of 25,000 cannot in itself be regarded as significant unless this declining tendency persists in ensuing months.

AJANTA CAVES

*2600. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the terms and conditions of the contract entered into by Government with the UNESCO to photograph the paintings in the Ajanta Caves?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 21.]

CUSTOMS DUTY

*2601. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the agency that is responsible for the collection of customs duty on articles received through inward foreign letters and parcels;

(b) the total amount of duty so collected during 1954-55; and

(c) the expenditure incurred under this head?

The Minister of Revenue and Civil Expenditure (Shri M. C. Shah): (a) The Indian Posts & Telegraphs Department.

(b) As accounts for the year 1954-55 have not yet been closed, the total customs duty realised during the year through the intermediary of Post Office is not available. Actuals for the first 10 months (upto January, 1955), are Rs. 1,07,09,000.

(c) Rs. 8,35,000 for the year 1954-55.

YOUTH HOSTELS

*2604. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing the number of Youth Hostels (State-wise)?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): A statement showing number of Youth Hostels (state-wise) is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 22.]

GOLD

1044. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of stone crushed annually in the Gold Mines, Hutti, Hyderabad since 1950; and

(b) the quantity of gold extracted there since 1950?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 23.]

SCHOLARSHIPS TO INDIAN STUDENTS

1045. **Chaudhri Muhammed Shaffee:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scholarships offered by the foreign Governments