

(Stage I), and will be taken up for execution by the Government of Orissa.

N.E.F.A.

*1584. **Shri Rishang Kelshing :** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) the number of scholarships set apart so far by the N.E.F.A. Administration for post-matric and post-graduate studies ;

(b) the number of students from and outside N.E.F.A. who are receiving scholarships at present ; and

(c) the conditions enforced in awarding the scholarships to non-resident students of or students not belonging to N.E.F.A. ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan) : (a) 44 scholarships have been set apart for Post-matriculation and post-graduate studies. Scholarships for post-graduate courses are awarded only for Diploma Course in Forestry at Dehradun. The number of scholarships awarded every year for this course varies in accordance with the needs.

(b) 58 tribals from the autonomous hill districts of Assam and 31 Non-tribals. The number of N.E.F.A. tribal candidates is only 7 in view of the lack of education in them at present.

(c) Stipendiaries have to execute a bond to the effect that they will serve N.E.F.A. for a period of three to five years. The award of stipends is subject to usual conditions *i.e.*, good conduct and satisfactory progress including annual promotion. In the event of failure to pass or serve N.E.F.A. the stipendiaries are liable to refund the stipend money. The stipendiaries for Forestry courses have to serve N.E.F.A. for ten years.

Rourkela Steel Plant

*1586. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :** Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state :

(a) the number of families which will be displaced as a result of the construction of the Rourkela Steel Plant ; and

(b) whether such displaced persons will be given any preference for employment in the construction of the factories ?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo) : (a) The total number of families likely to be displaced as a result of the construction of the Rourkela Steel Plant will be about 2,350.

(b) Every endeavour will be made to find all able-bodied persons, amongst those who will be displaced, employment either under Hindustan Steel Ltd. or under the contractors working for the Company.

Barrage on the Chambal River

*1590. **Shri C. R. Chowdary :** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 'upper' irrigation Barrage on the Chambal river has been decided upon ;

(b) if not, at what stage the recommended explorations of both the sites stand ; and

(c) what are the merits and demerits of these sites according to the Geologists ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Both the sites are geologically suitable.

Handicrafts

*1594. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Central Handicrafts and Tools Development Institute ;

(b) if so, when ; and

(c) where this Institute will be located ?

The Deputy Minister of Production (Shri Satish Chandra) : (a) to (c) : It is presumed that information is desired on the Handicrafts Board's proposal to set up a Development Centre at Delhi. This proposal is under consideration of Government.

Steel Prices

*1595. { **Shri V. P. Nayar.**
Shri N. B. Chowdhury :

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) the prices of imported steel as they arrive in Indian territory in 1955 ; and

(b) the latest prices of indigenous steel ?

The Minister of Industries (Shri Kanungo) : (a) The price of steel varies from category to category. The average landed costs per ton of some of the