

special training to fit them to be employed in the Indian Naval Dockyard and the period considered by us to make them capable of discharging their duties is 5 years.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty : May I know whether in spite of the work they do and the careful training they are given for five years, it is a fact that the authorities have recommended to the Government that those who pass out from this outgoing batch of apprentices will be put in the category of tradesmen with only a basic salary of Rs. 60 to Rs. 130 over a period of 22 years, which means only an excess of Rs. 27 over what they will get when they come out from apprenticeships?

Sardar Majithia : Probably the hon. Member has got certain figures which are not up to date. Apart from other things, the apprentices receive during their training period Rs. 67/8/- per month with an increment of Rs 5/- per month in the 3rd and 4th years. When they have completed their training, they get Rs. 127/8/ per month as Tradesmen Grade I. After that they can get Rs. 235/- per month as Chargemen and after that as Inspectors, Rs. 363/8/- and as Foremen they get Rs. 477/8/- which is quite different from what the hon. Member makes out.

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty : May I know if it is a fact that in the indenture agreement which they have to enter into—by which they have to give 8 years of service after they come out from the apprenticeship school—they are assured of service according to the categories which hon. Minister has enumerated.

Sardar Majithia : As they are found and as they go on passing examinations, they can get these appointments. As I said, the indenture is there for the specific reason that we do not lose their services after training them fully. If within the first 3 months they feel that they do not want to continue the apprenticeship they can give one month's notice and go away.

Red Iron Oxide

*1532. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :** Will the Minister of **Natural Resources and Scientific Research** be pleased to state whether the Geological Survey of India has located any belt of red iron oxide in the Mysore State?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali) : Yes, Sir.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know after the location of this deposit the Government of India or the Government of Mysore has taken up the experiments?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : The Government of India have no such proposal. The State Government may start a factory if they like.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know whether in any other part of the country the Geological Survey has found out such belts of red oxide of iron?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : I am not aware. As far as I can say from my personal information, this red oxide of iron has been located in Mysore.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad : May I know what is the purpose of this geological survey in as many as 12 items as announced earlier. We have found out that there are deposits of red oxide of iron. Do the Government of India propose to recommend to the State Governments that they may carry on operation if they find out ores?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali : The whole question has been examined by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and they felt that the paint industry is already very well established in the country and that there are various other ingredients which will be necessary for manufacturing paint making use of this red oxide of iron. In case the State Government find it possible they may start on it but the Government of India have no such proposal.

Shri V. P. Nayar : May I know whether Government are aware that in the survey conducted by T. H. Holland and other eminent geologist large deposits of haematite or red oxide of iron were found in several places in Malabar, e.g., in Nilambur, Vandur and Edakurichi?

Mr. Speaker : The question is restricted to Mysore.

Shri V. P. Nayar : The hon. Minister said that he does not know if haematite is obtained in any other place.

Mr. Speaker : The object of a question is to obtain information and not to give information.

Shri V. P. Nayar : It is the same belt.

Mr. Speaker : The question is restricted to Mysore.

Colombo Plan

*1533. **Shri L. N. Mishra :** Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Harold Stassen, Chief of U. S. Foreign Operations at the last Ottawa conference promised some assistance to Colombo Plan Countries as a result of the cessation of hostilities in Indo-China;