

workers concerned. So far as the Shakurbasti workers are concerned, it has been found that, because of erroneous calculations, the workers received extra payments to which they had no claim whatever. It is these extra payments which are under recovery.

#### MINERAL INVESTIGATION

**1305. Shri L. Jageswar Singh:** Will the Minister of **Natural Resources and Scientific Research** be pleased to refer to page 6 of the Report of his Ministry for 1955-56 and state:

(a) the names of the areas in Manipur State where mineral investigation was carried out;

(b) the names of minerals available there; and

(c) when and how they are going to be developed?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) to (c). The results of mineral investigation carried out by the Geological Survey of India during the current field season, 1955-56, will become available on receipt of the Geologists' reports in about September, 1956 and will be published in the annual 'Records' of the Geological Survey of India.

The particulars of the mineral investigations which were intended to be carried out are shown in the attached Statement. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 49].

#### IRON ORE

**1306. Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of **Natural Resources and Scientific Research** be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of iron ore available in Telangana (Hyderabad);

(b) its quality; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a factory for the exploitation of this material?

**The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) The total

reserves of iron ore in Telangana are estimated to be about 37 to 40 million tons.

(b) The iron-ores contain 35 to 45 per cent iron; *i.e.* it is of low grade.

(c) The Government of Hyderabad have stated that the question of exploitation of iron-ore is being examined.

#### ILLITERACY AMONG WOMEN

**1307. Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme to be put into force during the Second Five Year Plan for the eradication of illiteracy amongst women, both rural and urban; and

(b) the amount of money allotted for the purpose?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) and (b). In the Second Five Year Plan greater stress is being laid down on the removal of illiteracy amongst women and the question of allotting some funds specially for the training of women teachers and increase of the roll of girls in schools is under discussion with the Planning Commission.

#### EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO

**1308. Shri Ram Dass:** Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of excise duty on tobacco realised in the State of Punjab in 1955-56; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on the collection thereof during the same period?

**The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha):** (a) and (b). The excise duty on tobacco realised in the State of Punjab during 1955-56 amounted to Rs. 41.64 lakhs and the expenditure incurred in the collection of this duty during the same period was Rs. 6.30 lakhs.