

India in Mehsana district of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, what are the prospects of mining them?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Aircraft Carrier 'Vikrant'

3227. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the tonnage and complement of the first Aircraft carrier 'Vikrant' purchased from Harland and Wolff and launched at Belfast shipyard of U.K.;

(b) when was 'Vikrant', previously named 'Hercules', laid down in the shipyard and when was it first launched; and

(c) the number of aircrafts that 'Vikrant' will carry and its full capacity of aircraft carriage?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) to (c). The standard displacement of the Aircraft Carrier INS VIKRANT is 18,000 tons. It was purchased from the Government of the United Kingdom and not from Messrs Harland and Wolff. The keel of the Aircraft Carrier was laid down on 14th October 1943 and was first launched on 22nd September 1945.

It would not be in the interest of national security to disclose the complement of the Aircraft Carrier, the aircraft that it will carry, and its full capacity.

Drawing Teachers of Higher Secondary Schools of Delhi

3228. Shri Indrajit Gupta: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to lay on the Table a statement showing the degrees/diplomas recognised by Government for recruitment to the posts of teachers to teach geometrical and mechanical drawing in Higher Secondary schools of Delhi?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastha): The basic educational

qualifications prescribed for recruitment to the posts of teachers to teach drawing (including geometrical and mechanical drawing) in Higher Secondary schools are as follows:—

Matric plus Diplomas/Certificates in Art and Drawing after a full-time course of not less than 3 years duration (or part-time course of five years duration) as specified below:

(a) Three years fulltime Diploma Course (or five years' part-time certificate course) of the Delhi Polytechnic or any other Art Institution of equivalent standard with a refresher Course in Scale Drawing and Geometry.

OR

(b) Intermediate National Diploma Course in Fine Arts, Delhi Polytechnic (from 1955 onwards).

OR

(c) Four years Art Master's Course from the Government School of Arts, Simla.

Indian Flora and Fauna

3229. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position in regard to the preparation of detailed account of Indian flora and fauna; and

(b) what is the estimated time required for the publication of these details?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Work done so far is indicated separately for Flora and Fauna in the Statement laid on the Table of the House, [See Appendix V, annexure No. 35].

(b) As will appear from the answer to part (a) of the question, considerable work has already been done. But a great deal more remains to be done. Flora of a large part of the