

(c) the number of persons in Government service from the Indian Union?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) A sum of Rs. 18,10,66,873 was spent upto 31st March, 1962.

(b) The Government have established 451 institutions as detailed below:—

Educational institutions	.	271
Cooperative Societies, etc.	.	124
Medical Schools, Family Planning, Health Centres, etc.		18
Animal husbandry units	.	10
Agricultural farms & nurseries	.	4
Industries	.	3
Community Development Blocks		3
Information Centres		11
Social, Labour & Child Welfare Institutions		7

(c) 483.

Kyanite Quarries

2400. Shri H. C. Soy: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the labourers of Kyanite quarries operated by Messers, Kharswan Mineral Corporation in Singbhum, Bihar do not have facilities for medical aid, maternity benefit and leave with pay even on the 15th August and 26th January and also do not get bonus or gratuity from the company;

(b) whether it is a fact that the working conditions of these quarries were never seriously inspected by the Labour Inspectorate; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this matter?

The Minister of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri Hathi): (a) All statutory facilities for medical aid, leave with wages and maternity benefits are available. There are, however, no married women workers. Workers were given holidays on 15th August and 26th January. The Compulsory bonus scheme is not

operative in the quarries. The Company, however, give some bonus. Information regarding the grant of gratuity by the company which is not a statutory liability is not readily available.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Scales of Pay in Rubber Board

2401. Shri Maniyangadan: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exist disparities between the scales of pay attached to certain posts under the Rubber Board and those under Government and semi-Government departments having similar nature of work;

(b) whether any recommendations have been received from the Rubber Board for the removal of such disparities;

(c) the posts in which such disparities exist; and

(d) whether any decision has been taken by Government on the recommendations of the Board?

The Minister of International Trade in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (d). The re-organisation proposals of the Rubber Board *inter alia* recommended upgradation of the pay scales for certain posts to bring them in line with comparable posts in other Departments. Orders recently issued by Government accepting the Board's re-organization proposals have removed those disparities.

Gorakhpur Labour Recruitment Depot

2402. Dr. Mahadeva Prasad: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers sent out from Gorakhpur Labour Recruiting Depot from 1956 upto-date;

(b) how many of them are from Maharajganj and Pharenda Tehsils of Gorakhpur district; and