

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Ondal (Burdwan District)
Airfield**

*986. Shri K. K. Das: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint has been received by Government from some inhabitants of the village of Ondal in the Burdwan District of West Bengal that no crop compensation has been paid to them for lands acquired by Government for the Ondal Airfield for the last four years;

(b) if so, how far the complaint is correct, and what are the reasons for non-payment of crop compensation for the acquired lands; and

(c) the time that will be taken for finally settling the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Crop compensation is not payable in respect of the acquired lands, the ownership of which, vests in the Government from the date of acquisition. The landowners are entitled to receive only the cost of the acquired land.

(c) Does not arise

Indian Administrative Service

*987. Shri Sinhasan Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons recruited to the Indian Administrative Service during the last three years;

(b) whether any analysis has been made to indicate from what kinds of homes these persons come; and

(c) the percentage of the selected persons to the total who come from rural areas?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) The total number of persons directly appointed to the Indian Administrative Service during the three years, 1954—56, was 147.

(b) Yes.

(c) It is not possible to say as to how many of the selected candidates actually belonged to the rural areas, as many of those who had given their permanent home address in an urban area, had given a rural place as their birth place. About 16 per cent. had, however, given their permanent home addresses in the rural areas.

Ordnance Factory at Bhandara

*988. Shri Wasnik: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to start an Ordnance Factory at Bhandara (Bombay State);

(b) if so, when the work will be started; and

(c) what will be the total outlay of this factory?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) and (b). It has been decided to set up a new Ordnance Factory but no final decision has yet been taken with regard to the site and the date of its commencement

(c) The total outlay is estimated at Rs 17.5 crores.

**National Fundamental Education
Centre**

*989. Shri Ram Saran: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Fundamental Education Centre has started functioning regularly; and

(b) how does it coordinate the various activities in the field of social education?