

establishment in Bombay. The Southern and Northern Institutes will complete the chain.

#### Balance of Payments

\*363. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the present position of the balance of payments of the country?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): During January—March 1957, the last quarter for which balance of payments statistics are available, there was a deficit of Rs. 82 crores on current account. A rough indication of the trend in the balance of payments position during the Second quarter of 1957 is provided by the net drawal of Rs. 109 crores from the sterling balances over this period.

#### Man-Power Directorate

\*364. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 105 on the 16th May, 1957 and state:

(a) Whether the comprehensive programme of man-power studies with regard to the Man-Power Directorate has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the nature of the programme?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) A programme of manpower studies, etc., for the next 12-18 months has been prepared by the Manpower Directorate, and, with the exception of a few items, finalised in consultation with the Ministries etc concerned

(b) The Programme consists of several studies of the requirements for and resources of different categories of trained personnel, employment and unemployment studies, and educational studies. The objective of all these studies is to build a sound base of manpower information for the formulation of manpower policies, and

for taking administrative action pursuant to those policies. The programme also includes items requiring specific action on certain matters having man-power implications, for instance, the improvement of the procedure for the recruitment of scientific and technical personnel through the Union Public Service Commission, re-organisation of the National Register of Scientific and Technical Personnel, collection of information regarding Indian scientists and technologists in foreign countries etc.

Responsibility for taking action with regard to each item of the Programme has been assigned to the appropriate Ministries and agencies of the Central Government, and further action is under way.

#### National Coal Development Corporation

\*365. Shri Matin: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the advantages derived through the formation of the National Coal Development Corporation, for administering the collieries in the Public Sector;

(b) whether the overall monthly cost per ton of collieries, managed by the new Corporation, has increased or decreased since the change-over; and

(c) what extra money is being spent on engaging new staff and managerial personnel for the Corporation, and for running an additional establishment at Ranchi?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The Company form of management of production and industrial enterprises of Government has been tried, amongst other forms, and is being increasingly adopted as it has been found in practice to be better suited to the circumstances, in the interest of efficiency, flexibility, autonomy and exercise of

the necessary initiative and enterprise in management.

(b) The Coal Corporation came into existence only last October. The cost per ton can be given when the annual report and accounts are available.

(c) The figures required can also be given when the annual report and accounts become available.

#### Salem Iron Ore

\*366. Shri S. V. Ramaswami: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 461 on the 29th November, 1956 and state:

(a) whether Salem iron ore has since been sent to the National Metallurgical Laboratory for tests; and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Investigations by the Metallurgical Laboratory have not yet been completed.

#### Production of Coalene

235. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for setting up a pilot plant for production of Coalene has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

#### Industrial Finance Corporation of India

236. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount advanced as loans (State-wise) to the Textile Mill

industry and its allied units like processing and finishing factories by the Central Industrial Finance Corporation of India from the 1st July 1956 to the 30th June, 1957; and

(b) the total amount of loans due from the textile industry and its allied units as it stood on the 1st April, 1957?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) The requisite information is contained in the statement laid on the Table [See Appendix I, annexure No 107]

(b) Rs 1.43,00,000/-

#### General Education Courses in Universities

237. { Shri D. C. Sharma;  
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Universities in India that have introduced the General Education Courses, and

(b) the amount of grants if any, given to them for this purpose during 1957-58 so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) The Universities of Lucknow and Baroda.

(b) No grants have been given so far for the purpose

#### Coronary Heart Disease in Defence Services

238. { Shri V. P. Nayar;  
Shri Easwara Iyer:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths reported from Military Hospitals in the last