

(ग) विशेषज्ञ समितियों तक़्तुबर १९५७ तक़् ४४,४७१ विभागीय सख्तों का त़्नुषण कर चुकी हैं ।

(ब) यह काम त़्नी जारी है और सख्त है कि १९६० तक़् पूरा हो जायेगा ।

(क) त़्न्न नहीं उठता ।

#### Floods in Kerala

\*1205. Shri Vasudevan Nair: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have received any request from the Government of Kerala for help to meet the distress caused by the heavy floods in June, 1957; and

(b) if so, action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) Yes, Sir. A request for Central assistance of Rs. 9.53 lakhs consisting of a grant of Rs. 3.48 lakhs and a loan of Rs. 6.05 lakhs; was received from the Government of Kerala in September 1957 in connection with the provision of relief on account of heavy rains, etc.

(b) The request was not acceded to as the magnitude of the expenditure did not justify Central assistance.

#### Yogic Exercises

\*1206. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any steps to introduce or encourage yogic exercises in the Educational Institutions; and

(b) if so, the nature of steps taken or proposed to be taken?

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

(b) The Model Syllabuses of Physical Education for Boys and Girls prepared by the Central Advisory Board of Physical Education and Recreation

containing selected Yogic Exercises have been sent to the State Governments. It is open to them to introduce these Syllabuses in Educational Institutions. Hand-books illustrating the various activities prescribed in the Syllabuses are now under preparation.

#### Machinery for Bhilai Project

\*1207. { Shri Naldurgker:  
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:  
Shri M. Elias:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the machinery required for Bhilai Steel Project is brought from U.S.S.R. to the port of Visakhapatnam and discharged there for further transmission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said port being equipped to handle only one Machinery laden ship, it takes a long time to discharge its cargo; and

(c) how many ships are still awaiting unloading there at present and the total amount paid or liable to be paid during 1957-58 so far in foreign exchange as demages for delays?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir. Generally all consignments for the Bhilai Steel Projects are received in the port of Visakhapatnam.

(b) Of the four berths in Visakhapatnam, two are specially equipped for handling ore and the third is engaged practically all the time in handling ships bringing foodgrains. Only the fourth berth is available for consignments from the U.S.S.R. But ships are also handled in the moorings. Recently it has been taking, on the average, almost a month for ships to get a berth or a position in the moorings.

(c) 4 ships are awaiting to be unloaded. About Rs. 40 lakhs might have to be paid as demurrage on account of delays during the last 12 months or so. No payment has, however, been made so far.