

Dun, have now come into the zone of promotion to the rank of Major-General. Proposals for the promotion of some of these officers to the rank of Major-General are at present under the consideration of the Government.

Rumanian Scholarships

*1411. **Shri Ramakrishna Reddy:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Alexandra Buican, leader of the Rumanian Cultural Delegation made a statement in Delhi on the 5th December, 1957 to the effect that his Government had offered thirty scholarships for Indian students wishing to specialise in music or dance in Rumania; and

(b) if so, the details of the scholarships and the action taken by Government for availing of this offer?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir Government have accepted an offer from the Government of Rumania of 30 Scholarships for Indian Students for studies in Rumania in those fields which will be chosen by the Government of India. As a start it is proposed to send a batch of about 10 Indian students to Rumania for post-graduate training in oil exploration and Technology and Geology.

Annual Report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

*1412. **Shri Siddiah:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a suggestion was made to the State Governments to hold discussions on the annual Report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in State Legislatures;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) the reaction of each State Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 30th November, 1955

(c) The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala, Madras, Mysore, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal have agreed to get the Report discussed in the State Legislatures. The Government of Bombay have not agreed to do so. The remaining States have not expressed any definite view in the matter.

Strike at E.M.E. Workshop, Kirkee

*1413. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that strike notice has been sent by the workers' union of 512 Comd. E.M.E Workshop, Kirkee;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the workers; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) Yes.

(b) The workers have demanded reinstatement in service of two discharged employees of 512 Command Workshop, Kirkee.

(c) The Conciliation Officer is attending to the matter.

Emergency Relief Organisations

*1414-A. { **Shri Radha Raman:**
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 110 on the 13th November, 1957 and state:

(a) the extent and form of relief measures so far undertaken by the Central Government during 1956-57.