

(b) if so, what were their demands; and

(c) the extent to which the demands have been accepted?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) 1,295 taxis were on strike from 11th to 17th November 1957.

(b) and (c). A statement is placed on the table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 139].

Punjab University Building

***658. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab have approached the Central Government for financial assistance for the construction of the Punjab University building; and

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Deficit Financing

***664. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the amount of deficit financing so far done since the beginning of the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): For 1956-57, deficit financing by the Central and State Governments amounted to Rs. 238 crores. The position for the current year can be judged only at the end of the year.

Communal Representation in Semi-Government Bodies

***665. Shri Siddlah:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1416 on the 9th September, 1957 and state:

(a) the names of the three organisations which are not following at

present Government's instructions relating to communal representation; and

(b) the result of the correspondence made with them so far?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). The Ministries concerned have since advised these organisations as well to give effect to the special orders regarding representation of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

Evening Classes under Delhi University

***666. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 131 on the 17th July, 1957, and state:

(a) whether as a result of the report of the Punjab University (Camp) College Enquiry Committee any decision has since been taken with regard to the starting of evening classes under the University of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) The matter has been discussed with the parties concerned and its financial implications are now under examination.

(b) Does not arise.

Panna Diamond Mines

***667.** { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

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

(a) whether Government propose to undertake legislation for the nationalisation of Panna Diamond Mines;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken to set up an autonomous