

Himalayan region. The total amount during these three years was Rs. 37,000 and odd. Some grants were given by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Indian Council of Medical Research.

**Grants to National Laboratories/
Institutes**

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*1185. { **Shri R. C. Majhi:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that separate grants are given to some of the Directors of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for conducting research outside the grants given to the Laboratories for their regular programme of Research;

(b) if so, the policy and purpose underlying the above special grants; and

(c) the details of the grants regarding their amounts and the Directors to whom these grants were given during 1957-58 and the subjects of research for which they were given?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Shri M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). To carry out Scientific Research on special *ad hoc* schemes which, though allied in nature, do not form part of the regular programme of work of the laboratory.

(c) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 129]

Shri R. C. Majhi: What is the authority that determines the *ad hoc* research programmes taken up by the laboratories?

Shri M. M. Das: Each laboratory has got an executive council. This council determines what extra work should be taken up by the laboratory for research.

Shri Tangamani: In the statement we find that these *ad hoc* grants vary from institute to institute. For the Central Leather Research Institute, Madras, the *ad hoc* grant for the next three years will be about Rs. 1,22,000. Is it based upon the grants which are being made in the previous years?

Shri M. M. Das: These grants are not given by the Government as it is. They are given by the particular organisation which wants that a particular research work should be taken up by the laboratory. It is given for meeting the expenditure of the research work.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether our national laboratories are doing their research work to full satisfaction?

Shri M. M. Das: Certainly, Sir.

Shri R. C. Majhi: May I know whether schemes from private parties are also accepted for research?

Shri M. M. Das: Yes, Sir; if some private business organisation or industrial organisation wants to carry out a particular research, the laboratories take up that work, provided the expenditure comes from that private party.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know how the money received for carrying out research upon *ad hoc* schemes is utilised?

Shri M. M. Das: That money is spent for meeting the expenditure for carrying out the research.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know why the solar cooker which was experimented by one of our national laboratories many years ago has not been improved so far?

Shri M. M. Das: Research are still being carried on in the National Physical Laboratory to improve this solar cooker as well as to utilise the solar energy in various other works.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I find from the statement that a grant is made to the

Central Food Technological Research Institute in Bangalore. May I know if the Food Technological Research Institute has been asked by the Food Ministry to solve any of the specific problems in the matter of food and if so, what are the schemes?

Shri M. M. Das: It is a very important question no doubt, but I want notice from the hon. Member.

Shifting of Villages on Jamuna Banks

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*1186. { **Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:**
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2043 on the 20th December, 1957 and state:

(a) the progress so far made towards the shifting of 12 villages on the banks of the Jamuna which are exposed to annual floods, to higher level areas; and

(b) the cost involved in execution of the plan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) The final award in respect of the cost of acquisition of the land required for the new sites has been announced in most of the cases. The work of demarcation and allotment of residential plots has been completed in some of the sites and is in progress in others.

(b) Rs. 16.66 lakhs approximately.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: What is the number of families that are expected to be shifted from these villages?

Shri Datar: The number of families is fairly large. There are 8 villages on the left bank and 4 villages on the right bank.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: What are the civic and other advantages which are going to be provided there?

Shri Datar: They will be provided with all the necessary advantages in the first instance.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether it will be possible to shift all the villages to the new sites before the coming monsoon?

Shri Datar: Yes; that is the intention.

श्री भक्त दर्शन: इस सम्बन्ध में क्या उत्तर प्रदेश और पंजाब की सरकारों से भी कोई सहयोग या सहायता ली जा रही है ?

Shri Datar: I am not aware of any need for any co-operation with the U.P. Government. This relates to the Delhi Administration.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: May I know whether the amount will be spent for providing plots or whether it is being given for the construction of houses?

Shri Datar: In the first place, plots will be provided for them and then they would be given materials either by way of loan or by way of subsidy. Thus the total amount is Rs. 16 lakhs.

Price Structure of Petroleum Products

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*1187. { **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**
Shri V. C. Shukla:
Shri L. Achaw Singh:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:
Shri Muhammed Elias:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Heda:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri N. R. Munisamy:

Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Fuel** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Stared Question No. 87 on the 13th November, 1957 and state the stage at which the negotiations with the Oil Companies to bring down the prices of oil and petroleum products stand?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): Discussions are still continuing with the Oil Companies with a view to revise the present system of pricing of petroleum products