

Shri Dasaratha Deb: When would it be taken up?

Shrimati Alva: It will be taken up after it has been thoroughly examined.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Central Zonal Council

*604. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1039 on the 8th September, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed by the Central Zonal Council at its meeting held on the 4th January, 1958 to look into the question of supply of power and water from the Rihand Dam to Madhya Pradesh, has since submitted its report; and

(b) if not, the reasons for delay?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) and (b). The Committee has submitted its report which is expected to be placed before the Central Zonal Council at its next meeting.

Tagore Birth Centenary Celebrations

*605. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 558 on the 26th August, 1958 and state the further progress made in regard to the publication of works of Shri Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of his birth centenary celebrations?

The Deputy Minister for Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): The progress made is as follows:—

1. The devnagari edition of 101 select poems of Rabindranath Tagore (original Bengali text, fully annotated) entitled 'Ekottarasati' has been published.

2. The manuscript of the devnagari edition of 500 songs is under print.

3. The editing of the three volumes of selections of essays, travelogue, letters etc. will be completed by the end of 1958.

4. The manuscript of translation of 21 short stories in Marathi by Sri Mama Warekar M.P. is ready for the Press.

5. The translation work of 21 short stories in Nepali has been taken on hand.

Income-Tax Arrears

*608. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position regarding arrears of income-tax;

(b) what amount is estimated as bad money; and

(c) what amount is likely to be recovered during the years 1958-59 and 1959-60?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) The total amount of arrears of Income-tax including E.P.T. and B.P.T. as on 1-7-1958 is Rs. 247.68 crores;

(b) Rs. 37.39 crores;

(c) It is roughly estimated that during the years 1958-59 and 1959-60, Rs. 22.09 crores and Rs. 35.27 crores respectively out of these arrears will be collected.

खनिज तेल का आयात

*६१०. श्री पद्म देव : क्या इस्पात, खान और ईंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत ने वर्ष १९५७-५८ और १९५८-५९ में अब तक भ्रमण भ्रमण कितने मूल्य का खनिज तेल आयात किया; और

(ख) आयात कम करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?