

(e) if not, whether Government propose to directly appoint an Indian consultant or insist on the foreign firm to associate an Indian consultant with them; and

(d) what is the policy of Government regarding appointing Indian consultants in steel industry and allied industries?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). Processes employed in the manufacture of high-grade alloy and special steels are not as widely known as those for the manufacture of ordinary steel. As plant and equipment and processes employed are closely related to the 'know-how' it is necessary to associate from the beginning the supplier of the 'know-how' with design and subsequent construction of the plant. The quotations received, from the few countries who had shown interest in making available this 'know-how', were examined by a Committee consisting, among others, of the Director of the National Metallurgical Laboratory and an Indian Consulting engineer. It is the intention to prepare detailed working drawings and to undertake construction with Indian talent and resources.

(d) As has been stated on earlier occasions, it is proposed to build future steel plants with Indian talent and Indian resources to the maximum extent possible.

दिल्ली और हिमाचल प्रदेश के लिये आई० ए० एम० और आई० पी० एम० नेबायें

*२२८८. श्री पद्म देव : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश तथा दिल्ली के केन्द्र प्रशासित क्षेत्रों के लिये प्रस्तावित आई० ए० एम० तथा आई० पी० एम० की संयुक्त पदानी की योजना कब तक कार्यान्वित की जायेगी ; और

(ख) इस योजना की रूप-रेखा क्या है ।

यह बंगाल में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बल्लार) : (क) और (ख) माननीय सदस्य कृपया २५ फरवरी, १९५९ के प्रतारकित प्रश्न संख्या ८७५ के उत्तर की ओर ध्यान दें । तब से स्थिति में कोई परिवर्तन नहीं हुआ है ।

Basic Education in Kerala and other States

*2289. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any disparity in the pattern of Basic Education obtaining in Kerala State and other States in the country; and

(b) if so, since when the disparity has been introduced?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrinani): (a) There is no basic difference but there are a few distinctive features as outlined in the brochure entitled "Towards Basic Education" published by Kerala Government. In fact, it is a scheme aimed at orienting all the Primary (non-basic) schools towards the Basic pattern.

The most prominent feature of the scheme, in so far as it is new, is the provision of the tool-room practice in all elementary schools. In this scheme, familiarity with tools and their use is an essential part of Basic Education.

(b) A proposal to this effect was placed before the C.A.B.E. in January, 1959. Government of India have as yet no information whether and to what extent the State Government have actually introduced the scheme in their schools.

Linguistic Minorities

*2290. Shri Manaan: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any list of linguistic Minorities;

(b) if not, whether Government would consider the advisability of having such a list; and

(c) whether Nepalesse in Darjeeling District are treated as a linguistic minority?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) No.

(b) It is not considered necessary. The relevant considerations have been indicated in the "Memorandum on Safeguards for Linguistic Minorities" approved by Parliament.

(c) Yes.

भाषाओं का ज्ञान

*२२६१. श्री प्रकाश चौर शास्त्री : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या सरकार के पास ऐसे प्राकड़े हैं जिन के आधार पर यह जाना जा सके कि भारत में हिन्दी, अंग्रेजी और अन्य प्रादेशिक भाषाओं को जानने वाले नागरिकों की संख्या क्या है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं तो क्या सरकार ने अगली जनगणना में यह जानकारी एकत्र करने के लिये कोई प्रबन्ध किया है ?

गृह मन्त्रालय से राज्य मंत्री (श्री बातार) :

(क) प्राप्त सूचना में उन व्यक्तियों की संख्या दी हुई है जिन की मातृ-भाषा हिन्दी, अंग्रेजी और दूसरी कोई प्रादेशिक भाषा है और जो अपनी मातृ-भाषा के साथ हिन्दी या कोई अन्य प्रादेशिक भाषा भी जानते हैं ।

(ख) अगली जनगणना में भी केवल यही सूचना इकट्ठी करने का विचार है ।

Gold Smuggling

*2292. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling of gold across the India-West Pakistan border is coming to a standstill;

(b) if so, the reasons for improvement of the situation;

(c) whether the smugglers of gold have taken to the smuggling of watches instead; and

(d) if so, the extent to which this smuggling in watches is being carried on?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. K. Bhagat): (a) Lately, some decline in smuggling of gold across the India-West Pakistan border has been noticed.

(b) The reasons for the improvement of the situation are:

(i) Anti-smuggling measures taken by the Customs Department in collaboration with other Departments of the Government of India and the State Governments; and

(ii) Political and economic changes in other concerned foreign countries:

(c) No, Sir. There is no indication so far that smuggling of gold through the India-West Pakistan border has been replaced by smuggling in watches.

(d) The extent of smuggling of watches through the India-West Pakistan border is negligible.

Fourth Steel Plant at Bokaro

*2293. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri B. C. Prodhon:
Shri Daljit Singh:

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

(a) whether a final decision has been taken and plans made out for the fourth steel plant at Bokaro;

(b) if so, what is the expected capital investment in this project and how much of it will be in foreign exchange; and

(c) whether Japan is interested in collaborating with the Government in