

the number of candidates admitted in the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, from different regions; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to have a more even distribution without sacrificing the principle of merit?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

During the Session 1958-59, the number of students from the four Regions as demarcated by the All India Council for Technical Education was as follows:—

A. Under-Graduate Courses:

Northern Region	243
Eastern Region	137
Southern Region	31
Western Region	31.

B. Post-Graduate Courses:

Southern Region	54
Northern Region	50
Eastern Region	24
Western Region	13

On the basis of the population of the respective regions, the Northern Region has the smallest and the Southern and the Western Regions the largest facilities at the under-graduate level. Having regard to this as also the fact that admissions to the Institute are made on the basis of the results of a competitive test held by the Institute, Government do not propose to take any steps in the matter of admissions to these courses.

Workshop for Text-book Writers

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 \*1801. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
 Shri Jagdish Awasthi:  
 Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state

(a) whether a workshop for text-book writers has been established at Delhi;

(b) if so, the object of this workshop; and

(c) the amount spent and likely to be spent on it?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To acquaint trainees with general principles of text-book writing and provide training in it with a view to improving text book techniques.

(c) The expenditure is estimated at Rs. 8,000. The exact amount can be known only after the workshop is over.

Shri Supakar: When was this workshop set up?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: It started on the 9th March.

Shri Prabhat Kar: In view of the fact that 'workshop' is not a happy word in relation to text-book writers, will the hon. Minister of Education kindly consider changing this word?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: We have considered it and we have changed it. We now call it *Rachanalaya*. The word 'workshop' was actually used by the hon. Member who asked the question.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the persons who are invited to take part in this workshop are those who have already done some writing of this kind or are those who are expected to do writing of this kind? Are they amateurs or are they professional writers?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: We had written to the State Governments that persons who are deputed to this *Rachanalaya* should be those who have experience in teaching and who have also done some actual work in text-book writing.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether this workshop has a fixed syllabus or has a model text-book to give the pattern to the text-book writers?

**Dr. K. L. Shrivastava:** They will generally discuss the problem of text-book production and on the basis of these discussions, it is also proposed, will produce two sample books of social studies and general science.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if the persons who take part in this text-book workshop have any special qualifications? If so, what kind of qualifications do they have?

**Dr. K. L. Shrivastava:** We had written to the State Governments that they should at least be graduates with a degree in education and preferably with some teaching experience. It was also essential that they should have some experience of writing text-books to their credit. They should be persons who are likely to be associated closely with the production of text-books in the State concerned in the next few years.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Any hon. Member, who may not have been present in the first instance but is present now, may ask his question.

**Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Q. No. 1782

#### Amalgamation of Small Collieries

\*1782 **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the amalgamation of small coal mines; and

(b) whether any formula has been evolved for such amalgamation?

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) The Committee set up to promote voluntary amalgamation has so far received 33 applications for amalgamation and adjustment of boundaries and these are under the examination of the committee.

Steps are also being taken to promote suitable legislation for compulsory amalgamation as early as possible.

(b) The amalgamation is proposed to be effected on the lines recommended by the Baiwantray Mehta Committee.

**Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** By what date would the scheme for amalgamation be ready? Is there any date fixed by which this scheme for amalgamation will be ready?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** I have already indicated on an earlier occasion the broad features of the scheme. The recommendations of the Baiwantray Mehta Committee have been broadly accepted. There are two parts of it—voluntary amalgamation and compulsory amalgamation. This Committee that has been constituted has invited applications to help voluntary amalgamation of collieries who want to collate and coalesce with bigger units. With regard to legislation, it might take some time before legislation is brought before this House.

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#### SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Lathi Charge by Police on Refugee Demonstrators in Delhi

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\*21. { Shri A. B. Vajpayee:  
      Shri Assar:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the police resorted to lathi-charge and firing of tear-gas on refugee demonstrators who were on the 31st March, 1959 demonstrating in front of the Jamnagar House, New Delhi, in protest against the tender system of auctioning the tenements in the Displaced Persons Colonies and markets in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of demonstrators injured as a result of the lathi charge;