

grants given to the State for the award of stipends and lump grants to the Scheduled Caste students in pre-matric classes;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir; in December, 1957.

(c) The State Government was first requested to accommodate the additional requirements within the Second Five Year Plan allocation for the welfare of Scheduled Castes or to meet them by re-appropriation from allocations made in the Plan for other sectors of the Plan. Later, consistent with the priorities of various other welfare measures included in the Plan for welfare of Scheduled Castes, increases were allowed while fixing outlay for the years 1959-60 and 1960-61 and the total increase thus allowed for the Second Plan period comes to Rs. 10.34 lakhs as against an increase of Rs. 22.52 lakhs asked for.

Coal Scarcity in States

*851. { Shri Shiva Datt Upadhyaya:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that extreme coal scarcity is being felt in some States of India, particularly Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the situation?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, but only in regard to slack coal for brick burning purposes and domestic soft coke.

(b) These requirements have a low movement priority, compared to coal for public utilities and essential industries. As a result, within the limit of

the transport capacity available, supplies have often fallen short of requirements. Besides, the movement to Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh in the direction 'above Moghalsarai' is difficult.

(c) The Railways are doing their utmost to increase the overall wagon availability and the capacity for movement in the direction 'above Moghalsarai'.

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*८५२. श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान, और सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मंत्री १९ अप्रैल, १९६० के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या १५८७ के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर प्रदेश के गढ़वाल जिले में स्थित गोपेश्वर मन्दिर के रख-रखाव और मरम्मत के प्रश्न के बारे में क्या नियर्ण किया गया है ?

वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान और सांस्कृतिक-कार्य उपमंत्री (डा० म० मो० दास) : मामले पर अभी विचार हो रहा है।

Reservation of Posts for S.C. and S.T. in Defence Services

*853. { Shri D. A. Katti:
Shri B. K. Galkward:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posts in Defence Services have not been reserved for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes as is done in other Ministries; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) In the case of civilian posts in the Defence Services, reservations are made for members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, as prescribed by the Ministry of Home Affairs. In respect of non-civilian posts, there is no reservation for recruitment to the commissioned ranks in the Armed Forces. In the case of the non-Commissioned ranks