

Upgrading of High Schools

*353. **Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high Schools in different States of India, which have been upgraded to Higher Secondary Schools during 1956-57 as recommended by the Secondary Education Re-organisation Commission; and

(b) the financial assistance given by the Government of India to each State on this account during the same period?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 54.]

Grant to Assam

*354. **Shri Hazarika:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of over Rs. 10 crores has been returned to the Centre by the State Government of Assam as the latter could not spend the same in the financial year of 1956-57 under various schemes of the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) the names of the schemes and the respective sums allotted to and spent for such schemes?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). No, Sir, so far as this Ministry are concerned, they have no such information.

Library Service

*355. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount to be spent in Library Service Scheme during the Second Plan Period; and

(b) whether any special organisation to carry out the scheme is contemplated?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall):

(a) Rs. 165.22 lakhs. This is, however, subject to change by State Governments & Union Territories in consultation with Planning Commission.

(b) No, Sir. The State Governments and the Union Territories would be implementing the Scheme.

Seminar on the Blind

*356. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the seminar on the Blind held at Mussoorie in September, 1956, have since been considered; and

(b) if so, which of them have been accepted?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations have been accepted in principle.

Industrial Finance Corporation

*357. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Finance Corporation intends to seek a loan from the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development; and

(b) if so, the amount and purpose of the loan?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) and (b). The matter is yet under consideration.

Gold Smuggling

*360. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Pandit M. B. Bhargava:
Shri Barupal:
Shri A. S. Sarhadl:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gold smuggling has been on the increase on the Indo-Pakistan border: