

are given first priority in the building schemes of Delhi?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: Yes, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: The Question Hour is over.

Sardar A. S. Saigal: May I request you, Sir, kindly to allow supplementaries on question No. 1730 which has already been answered by the Deputy Minister himself?

Mr. Speaker: No.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Auction of Smuggled Goods

*1740. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply to the debate on the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on the 21st August, 1957 and state:

(a) the total realisations in the first six months of 1957 from the auction of smuggled consumer goods seized by Government; and

(b) the quantity of lip-sticks, hair oils, and cigarette lighters proposed to be taken for Government use in 1957 instead of being auctioned?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) The total realisations in the first six months of 1957 from the auction of smuggled goods seized by the Customs was Rs. 4,36,915.

(b) Nil, Sir.

Blast Furnace Slag

*1714. { **Shri Ghosal:**
Shri B. Das Gupta:

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

(a) whether Government of India requested the Steel factories to modify their process for having the opportunity to utilise the blast furnace slag for the manufacture of cement; and

(b) if so, who have responded to this request and agreed to the proposal?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Blast furnaces are for making pig iron primarily for steel production. The design of the blast furnaces and the processes employed can therefore have only one objective and that is to produce the most suitable pig iron at the minimum cost. If during the course of production of pig iron, the slag which comes out of the blast furnace is suitable for manufacture of cement, granulation plants could be installed. In the three Government steel plants which are now under construction, there is provision in the layout for a granulation plant. As soon as the sources of limestone are determined and it is clear that slag would be suitable for the manufacture of cement, granulation plants will be installed.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में स्कूल

*१७४२. श्री पवन बोंब : क्या शिक्षा और वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्हें इस बात का पता है कि यद्यपि हिमाचल प्रदेश में पर्याप्त स्कूल खोले गये हैं तथापि इस इलाके के विस्तार और उसकी विकटता के कारण कई स्थानों में प्रारम्भिक शिक्षा की भी सुविधाएँ नहीं हैं ;

(ख) क्या उन्हें इस बात का भी पता है कि काफी बड़े क्षेत्र में मिडिल तक की शिक्षा की कोई व्यवस्था नहीं है ; और

(ग) इस प्रदेश की इन कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिये क्या सरकार का कुछ प्राइमरी और मिडिल स्कूल खोलने का विचार है ?

शिक्षा और वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (डा० का० सा० श्रीमाली) :
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