

POLICE

191. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the total strength of police—

(i) officers, and

(ii) jawans employed or paid by the Central Government for the registration and surveillance of foreigners during 1952-53?

(b) What was the total amount spent thereon?

(c) What was the total number of foreigners under surveillance during the year?

(d) Did the police bring to the notice of Government any activities of foreigners during 1952-53, requiring special action on the part of Government?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) (i) 162

(ii) 248. This does not include the staff employed at the Check Posts on the borders between India and Tibet, Nepal and Pakistan.

(b) Rs. 13,44,294. (This includes the cost of the clerical staff also in various States.)

(c) The total number of registered foreigners in India as on the 31st December 1952 was 78,349. The police have to maintain a general watch over their activities and also to see that the Rules and Regulations relating to the entry into, and stay in India of foreigners are properly complied with.

(d) Yes, where necessary.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS IN TRIPURA

192. **Shri Biren Dutt:** (a) Will the Minister of States be pleased to state whether there was any distribution of seeds recently done by the Agricultural Department in Tripura?

(b) What is the number of recipients of these seeds?

(c) What additional production is expected from such help during the year 1953?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Yes.

(b) 870

(Summer vegetable seeds 600)

Paddy seeds 258

Jute 12)

(c) Paddy 87 tons.

Jute 16 bales.

EXCAVATIONS IN KONAPUR AND MASKI SITS

193. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) what discoveries have been made by the recent excavations in the Konapur and Maski Sites of Hyderabad State; and

(b) whether they give any idea about the relationship between the Dravidian civilization and the civilization of Mohenjodaro?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) 3 pavements of rubble masonry were discovered during the excavations at Konapur carried out by the State Archaeological Department. No excavation work was done at Maski.

(b) No reliable evidence about such relationship is available.

REDUCTION OF RECRUITING CENTRES

194. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the number of Head Offices of the Recruiting Organisation of the Army has been reduced to effect economy?

(b) If so, what are those centres?

(c) What amount of expenditure is saved on account of reduction?

(d) Is it a fact that the ex-employees of reduced centres are provided jobs elsewhere?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Yes.

(b) The offices were located at Ambala, Ajmer, Patna and Nagpur.

(c) Rs. 1,82,460 per annum.

(d) Yes, as far as possible.

MILITARY HOSPITALS WELFARE SERVICE FUND

195. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Military Hospitals Welfare Service Fund has been started for financing the activities and duties performed formerly by the Indian Red Cross Society?

(b) If so, what amount is contributed to this fund so far?

(c) What is the yearly expenditure on these activities?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Yes Sir, to run the erstwhile Red Cross Welfare Service in military hospitals.

(b) Rs. 80,000 made up of Rs. 30,000 from the Flag Day Fund and Rs. 50,000 from the Canteen profits.

(c) The anticipated expenditure is about Rs. 80,000 yearly.

FORTS

196. **Prof. D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the number of forts situated in the Punjab, PEPSU and Himachal Pradesh?

(b) How many of them are under the charge of the Ministry?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Information has not yet been received from one District. There are 32 forts in the rest of the area.

(b) Two.

जम्मू काश्मीर सड़क पर दुर्घटना

१९७. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: क्या राजा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मई के तीसरे सप्ताह में एक फौजी लारी एक गहरे खड़े में घिर गई थी जिसके कारण २१ सैनिकों की मृत्यु हो गई थी;

(ख) यदि हां तो इस दुर्घटना के लिए कौन उत्तरदायी था;

(ग) क्या इस विषय की जांच की गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां तो उस जांच का क्या परिणाम हुआ है?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Yes, Sir but the accident took place in the second week of May 53.

(b) to (d). A Court of Enquiry is in progress and its findings are awaited.