

President of the Union. All these parties are now engaged in seeking a solution. I think that solution would be jeopardised by making admissions or denials of statements made on the floor of the House.

Dr. M. M. Das: May I know whether it is not a fact that this Union has not held its election for the last three years in spite of repeated demands by the workers?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: There must be a slight amendment of the position envisaged by my hon. friend namely that elections have not been held for a period of three years: it would be somewhere about two, I think.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PILOT QUARRYING PROJECT

*355. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state the results obtained so far by the Pilot Quarrying Project in the South Arcot Lignite Field?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): It is reported that excavations are in progress and that upto 25th July, an excavation of 2' to 40' in depth in steps has been done in an area of 550' x 550' by earth moving machinery lent by the Government of India to the Government of Madras

ASSISTANCE TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

*357 **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India have asked the State Governments in February this year to send in their recommendations in regard to rendering financial assistance to Educational Institutions disrupted from Pakistan, which have since their migration to India been rendering useful educational service?

(b) If so, what was the last date of sending in their recommendations?

(c) What is the total number of Educational Institutions which have been recommended by the State Governments for financial aid?

The Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) 31st May, 1958.

(c) 74.

NATIONAL BUILDING ORGANISATION

*358. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Building Organization;

(b) if so, when that Organization is likely to be set up; and

(c) what would be the main objective of that Organization?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shortly; before the end of the year.

(c) The main objective of the organisation will be to maximise the results of building activity by attempting to secure the adoption, in practice, of the results of all research and experience in the relevant fields.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

*359. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students and teachers who worked on the various Community Project Centres of the country during the last summer vacation;

(b) the volume and the nature of work done by them; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred on their boarding and lodging?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 32]

IRRIGATION FROM BHAKRA-NANGAL WORKS

*376. **Shri Raghubir Sahai:** (a) Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power

be pleased to state whether any irrigation has been started from the Bhakra-Nangal works?

(b) If so, what area has benefited from it and to what extent?

(c) By what time is it proposed to have the dam construction completed?

(d) When will the Nangal channel go into operation both for irrigation as well as for distribution of power?

(e) Will power be supplied to some portions of U.P.?

(f) If so, which portion and which districts will be benefited by it?

(g) Will any other work be necessary, apart from the main dam, to prevent leakage of water from the big lake surrounded by the hills on all sides?

(h) If so, at how many other places has survey been made regarding this matter?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Ludhiana, Ferozepore and Hissar Districts in the Punjab and Narwana in Pepsu. This irrigation is non-perennial and is possible only when extra supplies in the Sutlej are available after meeting the requirements of the existing Sirhind Canal.

(ii) 1,00,000 acres annually.

(c) In 1960.

(d) By about the middle of 1954, as at present programmed.

(e) and (f), The matter is under consideration.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

MAHE

*381. **Shri P. C. Bose:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the French Government are sending troops to Mahe;

(b) if so, the number of troops that are being sent; and

(c) the action Government have taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) and (b). According to reports the French authorities at Pondicherry have sent about 30 sepoy to Mahe.

(c) The Government of India presumed that this small number of sepoy have been sent to Mahe for normal police duties. The situation is being watched.

INSTALLED CAPACITY OF INDUSTRIES

*382. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** (a) Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India have invited three representatives of private well-known firms to collaborate with the representatives of the Ministries of Commerce and Industry, Railways and Defence in collecting data about the installed capacity of industries in the country?

(b) What is the object of holding such inquiry?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The object of holding the enquiry is to explore ways and means of putting such capacity, as may be lying idle, to productive use as well as to suggest development and expansion of existing capacity to aid the industrial expansion of the country.

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय ऊन परिषद्

*३८३. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: (क) क्या वाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या १२ जून १९५३ को लिसबन में एक अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय ऊन परिषद् हुई थी ?

(ख) क्या इस परिषद् में भारत ने भी प्रतिनिधि भेजा था ?

(ग) क्या उक्त परिषद् में भारतीय ऊन व्यवसाय की उन्नति निमित्त कुछ विचार विनिमय हुआ ?