

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member may better address the question to the Railway Minister in that respect.

CENTRAL LEATHER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

*1609. **Shri Elayaperumal:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the amount that was allotted for Leather Research Institute in Madras State for 1953-54; and

(b) how many instructors are working there at present?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a)

Capital	Rs. 4,00,000/-
Recurring	Rs. 6,98,700/-

(b) None.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether any training courses are being conducted in this Research Institute?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: No training courses are conducted in the Leather Research Institute as it is a research institute and not a teaching one.

IRRIGATION SCHEMES FOR SCHEDULED AREAS IN BOMBAY

*1610. **Shri Natawadkar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected any part of Scheduled areas of Bombay State for constructing major or minor irrigation works; and

(b) if so, what are they and what is the estimated cost?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

LOANS AND GRANTS TO ASSAM

*1611. **Shri K. P. Tripathi:** (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether the Government of

Assam have asked for grants or loans or both for starting a jute mill, a cotton mill, a paper mill, a sugar mill, a canning factory and a finance corporation?

(b) If so, have Government replied regarding each of these items?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri M. C. Shah): (a) The Assam Government asked for loan for setting up a State Financial Corporation only.

(b) The proposal is being considered.

Shri K. P. Tripathi: When was the first communication received?

Shri M. C. Shah: It was received sometime in December, 1953. The matter is almost finalised.

Shri K. P. Tripathi: What is the amount involved?

Shri M. C. Shah: Fifteen lakhs of rupees will be given.

Shri K. P. Tripathi: When will it be finalised?

Shri M. C. Shah: Very soon; perhaps during the course of this month.

RURAL UNIVERSITIES

*1613. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of University Commission to establish institutions for higher education in rural areas; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in starting such institutions?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know in how many States Janta colleges are functioning?