The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): Yes, Sir.

INDIAN NAVY SHIPS

*986. Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the number of ships in the Indian Navy that have been fitted with radar equipment?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): All ships of Indian Navy except a couple of them are fitted with radar equipment, and arrangements are afoot to equip the remaining ones also with radar.

SOLAR COOKERS

*783. Shri S. C. Singhal: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Solar Cookers have been manufactured and sold during 1954, so far; and
- (b) whether there is any definite basis for leasing out of processes to Industrial firms for production on commercial scale?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 22.]

श्रीनगर सम्मेलन

*७९०. डा० सत्यवादी: क्या प्राकृतिक संसाधन तथा वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) जून, १९५४ में श्रीनगर में उन के सभापतित्व में हुए केन्द्रीय तथा राज्य सरकारों के प्रतिनिधियों के सम्मेलन में केन्द्रीय सरकार का कितना व्यय हुआ; और
- (स) सम्मेलन में किन-किन विषयों पर विचार किया गया और उन पर क्या क्या विनिब्चय किये गये ?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) The total expenditure incurred was Rs. 5632/8/-. The Conference was actually presided over by the Deputy Minister.

(b) A statement giving the recommendations made at the conference is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 23.] Government's decisions on them will soon be taken.

Co-ordination of Fundamental Research Work

*814. Shri K. C. Sodhia: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for the co-ordination of fundamental research works for which grants are given by the Central Government; and
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to place it on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 24.]

FOREIGNERS IN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

- *815. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of foreigners, if any, in the Geological Survey at present; and
 - (b) their qualifications?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). Nil.