

50 block grants were being given by the Central Government to State Governments for all development purposes and the amount given for Primary Education alone is not readily available in 1949-50, a sum of Rs. 2,60,000 was given as grant to U.P. for the training of Basic Schools Teachers.

#### BARRACKPUR AERODROME

\*1408. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether the Barrackpur Aerodrome near Calcutta is being used by the British Air Force engaged in Malayan operations?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopaldaswami): No, Sir

#### MILITARY VEHICLES

\*1409. **Shri Pataskar:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a very large number of motor vehicles or their Bodies of various Military types are lying in open near Dehu Road in Bombay State;

(b) the number of such vehicles and their Bodies;

(c) the initial value of these vehicles;

(d) the period during which they are lying exposed to sun and rain;

(e) whether they are capable of being used for military purposes;

(f) whether any steps were taken to preserve them from deterioration by exposure; and

(g) what steps were taken to dispose them off if they were unserviceable?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopaldaswami): (a) Yes.

(b) It is not in the public interest to give this information.

(c) and (d). The information is not available and its collection would entail labour and time to an extent which would not be commensurate with the utility or public interest of the information. The number varies from time to time, as vehicles are taken out for service or for better storage. A steadily increasing number of serviceable vehicles is being found covered accommodation.

(e) Vehicles not required for military purposes or no longer in suitable

condition are declared for disposal from time to time.

(f) There is lack of suitable accommodation but steps are taken to prevent deterioration to the maximum extent possible and most of the vehicles are covered by tarpaulins. Suitable accommodation is also being built subject to limitation of material and finance.

(g) Unserviceable vehicles which are considered beyond economical repairs and which are surplus to requirements are disposed of from time to time.

#### AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION

\*1410. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the actions taken by the Central and State Governments in connection with the implementation of the recommendations of the All India Audio-Visual Education Conference held in October, 1951; and

(b) whether the services of Prof. T. L. Green who has prepared a scheme of Audio-Visual Education has been made available to the Government of India for the implementation of the training, evaluation and production programmes which the scheme visualises?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) The recommendations of the Conference are under examination both by the Central and State Governments. Generally speaking, all the State Governments from whom we have heard so far are trying to implement the recommendations as far as their financial and other resources permit. The Central Government is examining the question of constituting a "National Committee on Audio-Visual Education" as recommended by the Conference.

(b) No.

#### ARCHITECTURAL MONUMENTS AT KONARKA

\*1411. **Pandit Lingaraj Misra:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the salient recommendations of the committee, set up with Sri Biswanath Das as Chairman, to suggest steps for the better preservation of the unique Architectural Monument at Konarka, in Orissa and for provision of better facilities to the visitors; and

(b) which of the recommendations have so far been implemented?