

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) A statement giving the information required is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 4.]

(b) 112 research assistants are at present engaged on temporary research schemes financed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. This is apart from the 242 Scientific Officers, 339 Research Assistants and 156 Laboratory Assistants engaged in the various National Laboratories.

(c) No posts under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research were abolished during the last 2 years. On the recommendation of the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research, certain temporary research schemes financed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research on which work had been completed, were stopped, as a result, the services of 40 persons (39 Research Assistants and one Laboratory Assistant) automatically terminated; of these 9 were re-employed on other research schemes.

NATIONAL LABORATORIES (WORKING)

***417. Shri Gurupadaswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to lay on the Table of the House the Report of Professor Burnal on the working of the National Laboratories in India?

(b) What is the action taken by the Government of India on the said Report?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Professor J. D. Bernal has not written any report on the working of the National Laboratories in India.

(b) Does not arise.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH AND REFERENCE DIVISIONS

***420. Dr. Lanka Sundaram:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the policy of Government in regard to:

(i) the preservation and maintenance of the Historical Research and Reference Divisions in the Ministry of Defence; and

(ii) recruitment and salaries of the officers of the said Division?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (i) There are no such divisions in the Ministry of Defence.

(ii) Does not arise.

COMBINED INTER-SERVICES HISTORICAL SECTION

***421. Dr. Lanka Sundaram:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to place

on the Table of the House a copy each of the following documents relating to the Combined Inter-Services Historical Section in the Ministry:

(i) the agreement between India and Pakistan regarding the sharing of expenditure incurred in the maintenance of this Section; and

(ii) the expenditure incurred on this Section in the year 1951-52?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (i) There was no formal agreement of which a copy can be laid on the Table of the House. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the Inter-Dominion Defence Secretaries' Committee held on the 4th July 1948 where it was agreed that the cost of the Combined Inter-Services Historical Section will be shared between India and Pakistan in the proportion of 70:30.

(ii) About Rs. 3,30,000.

COMBINED INTER-SERVICES HISTORICAL SECTION

***422. Dr. Lanka Sundaram:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to continue indefinitely the Combined Inter-Services Historical Section in the Ministry;

(b) whether and when India's own (without Pakistani participation) Inter-Services Historical Section will be established; and

(c) whether Government will recruit all officers, including the Director, to this Section through the Union Public Service Commission after due advertisement of the posts?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) No.

(b) There is at present no proposal to start our own Historical Section on a permanent basis.

(c) Does not arise.

GRANTS TO ASSAM

***423. Shri J. N. Hazarika:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from the Government of Assam for Central grants to the State in order to make good the deficit Budget for the year 1952-53; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in the matter?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) No, Sir. But a representation has been received for