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.]

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- (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 Assistant's 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

assistance to them for their development schemes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

BASIC EDUCATION

- *424. Prof. Agarwal: (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the names of States which have not yet introduced Basic education at the primary stage?
- (b) What are the names of States which have recognised Basic Schools as equivalent to the middle schools for purposes of admission to the High school classes?
- (c) Which States have opened post-Basic schools and with what results?
- (d) Are Government aware that a Basic University has now been started in Sevagram?
- The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) According to the information available, the States of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Bilaspur, Bhopal, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur and Vindhya Pradesh have not introduced Basic Education (Primary and Middle).
- (b) A few States like Bombay and Bihar have done so but the Central Advisory Board of Education has recommended that all States should take steps to do so.
- (c) So far as information is available, only the Bihar State has done so both some other States are also now examining the question. The Bihar experiment in this direction has made a good beginning.
- (d) The Hindustani Talimi Sangh have started a department for boys and girls who have completed seven years of basic education. This is the post-basic department which according to the Sangh, corresponds to the University stage. But this position has not been examined by the Government of India.

NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY, DEHRA DUN

- *425. Prof. Agarwal: (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state how many candidates applied for admission to the National Defence Academy, Dehra Dun during 1951-52?
- (b) How many of them were rejected as a result of the medical test?
- (c) What was the number (Statewise) that were finally admitted?
- (d) What is the average monthly expenditure on the education of each cadet in the Academy?
- (e) What portion of this expenditure is borne by Government?

- (f) Are the cadets imparted any education in agriculture?
- The Minister of Defence (Shri Gopalaswami): (a) to (c). I place two statements on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 5.]
- (d) The approximate monthly expenditure per cadet is Rs. 600 in the Joint Services Wing and Rs. 550 in the Military Wing.
- (e) The entire cost of training is borne by the Government.
 - (f) No.

AID TO NEPAL

- *426. Shri B. S. Murihy: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any technical aid hasbeen given to Nepal; and
 - (b) if so, what?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two persons were given training at the International Statistical Education Centre, Calcutta in July—December, 1951.

SCHEDULED TRIBES STIPENDS

- *427. Shri Brehmo-Cheudhury: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the number of stipends, at present, granted to Scheduled Tribestudents of India for studies in—
- (i) the colleges and Technical institutions; and
 - (ii) the Secondary Schools,

and the amount of each stipend?

The Minister of Communications: (Shri Jagjivan Ram): The hon. Member's attention is drawn to the statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 6.]

FORD FOUNDATION ASSISTANCE

- 66. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to-state:
- (a) the total amount of money which has been granted by the Ford Foundation for organising village development projects and setting up centres for training staff;
- (b) whether the Foundation grant will cover the entire recurring non-capital cost of these centres; and
- (c) wherefrom the capital cost of these centres will be met?