INSPECTION OF MICA STOCKS AT GUDUR (MADRAS STATE)

Written Answers

\*2379. Shri Nana Das: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state who are the officers responsible for inspecting the accounts and stocks of mica at Gudur, Madras State to safeguard the revenues of Government with regard to income-tax?

The Minister of State for Finance (Shri Tyagi): Accounts are examined by Income-tax Officers in charge of the cases under section 64 of the Incometax Act unless special orders are issued under section 5(7A). Income-tax Act of authorise physical inspection of stocks by Income-tax authorities.

And may I add with your permission that I have since received information that about Rs. 15-227 lakhs of evaded income has been disclosed by the mica miners and mica dealers?

Shri Nana Das: May I know the names of the mica miners and dealers?

Mr. Speaker: I think that is not permissible under the Income-tax Act.

Shri Nana Das: May I know whether there are any other officers who are to check the accounts and stocks of mica, like the Mica Inspectors?

Shri Tyagi: The question-hour is over, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: As the question was put before the question-hour was over, the hon. Minister may give his reply.

Shri Tyagi: I could not hear the question, as I was looking towards the clock, and I have not followed what was the question.

Mr. Speaker: So that practically means that there is no answer to this question.

We shall now proceed to the next item of business.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

EMPLOYMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL ON RELIEF WORK

\*2362. Shri Balmiki: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of military personnel employed for relief work in the famine areas of South India;
- (b) the period for which they were employed; and
- (c) the results achieved by their efforts?

The Minister of Defence (Shri (Gopalaswami): (a) About 1000.

- (b) From 21st April 1952 onwards.
- (c) Rayalaseema.

101 wells were deepened. The work on 23 wells was abandoned because of rain, at the request of State authorities. 2 water points were established at Rayachoti and Chittoor. A total of 30,000 gallons of water was distributed to the local population every day from each point.

In other districts, 14 wells have so far been deepened as shown below:—

Coimbatore 6 wells.
Chettinad 6 wells.
Salem ... 2 wells.

The deepening of 38 additional wells is in progress.

## LINGUISTIC ORGANISATIONS

\*2380. Shri Lokenath Mishra: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to pages 17-18 of the Report of the Ministry's activities during 1951-52 and programme for 1952-53 and state:

- (a) what is the language that is being developed and encouraged and what are the activities meant to be expanded by the following two linguistic organisations—
  - (1) Anjuman -e- Tarraqui -e- Urdu (India)
  - (2) the Linguistic Society of India, Calcutta; and
- (b) are there any other organisations in India which are in need of and applied for such financial assistance as has been given to the above two organisations?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) (1)—The language that is being developed and encouraged by the Anjuman-e-Taraqui-e-Urdu is, as the name of the society indicates, Urdu, with particular reference to its more popular form, Hindustani.

- (a) (2)—The Linguistic Society of India is not concerned with the development of any particular language. It is devoted entirely to linguistic study and research, specially with reference to India. It publishes a quarterly journal, "Indian Linguistics", and monographs on Indian languages.
  - (b) Yes.