

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) The scheme is nearing completion.

(b) Yes.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FORCE

*1265. **Shri Brohmo-Choudhury:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to establish a Territorial Army and National Volunteer Force Units in Assam;

(b) whether the Units will be associated with (i) Community Projects and National Extension Blocks, (ii) Protection works against floods and (iii) fire fighting in rural areas; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithla): (a) Some units of the Territorial Army are located in Assam.

One Auxiliary Territorial Force camp was held at Silchar in January 1954 and about 430 persons were given elementary military training for a period of one week. Training under the National Volunteer Force scheme has not yet commenced.

(b) and (c). The Territorial Army has been constituted as a second line of defence to the regular Army and its units can be embodied for service when required. The Territorial Army personnel generally have other whole-time occupations. It is, therefore, not considered desirable to embody them for Community Projects, etc. Details of the scheme of National Volunteer Force have not yet been finalised. Under this scheme it is proposed to give elementary military training in camps for 30 days. These camps will, as far as possible, be in Community Project Areas.

SOCIAL AND RURAL UPLIFT

*1266. **Shri Ganpatl Ram:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether social workers for social and rural uplift have been trained by Government; and

(b) if so, their total number and the nature of training imparted to them?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as collected.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

*1267. **Shri R. N. S. Deo:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the names of the technical schools under the Ministry and the places, State-wise, where those are located; and

(b) the number of new technical high schools proposed to be opened and the places where they are to be located?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) There is one Technical Higher Secondary School which forms part of the Delhi Polytechnic, Delhi.

(b) It is proposed to provide for 200 technical courses in some of the 500 High Schools to be converted into Multi-purpose schools under the Ministry Scheme for the reconstruction of Secondary Education. The selection of such schools will be made by the State Governments.

ANDHRA STATE ELECTIONS

*1268. { **Shri C. R. Chowdary:**
Shri Mohana Rao:

Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state the estimated expenditure on the February-March 1955 Elections in the Andhra State?