

31st December, 1953.

(b) and (c). Government have no information.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

***519. Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cadets of the National Cadet Corps who have been selected so far for Regular Commissions in the Army, Navy and Air Force;

(b) the number of cadets who have already been commissioned;

(c) whether any reservation exists for these cadets in the Air Force and Navy also; and

(d) if so, what is the reservation made?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Through the special N.C.C. entry 118 N.C.C. cadets have been selected for the Army and five for the Air Force. There is no special N.C.C. entry for the Navy, but three of the Army Cadets were transferred to the Navy as they were surplus to Army requirements.

(b) Sixty-seven.

(c) and (d). Ten per cent. of the officers in-take in the Air Force is reserved for N.C.C. cadets. The question of reservation in the Navy is under consideration.

LIQUIDATION OF BANKS

***524. Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of banks that went into liquidation in India during 1953-54;

(b) the main reasons for their liquidation; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme to stabilize the banking system in India?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha): (a) and (b). During the period 1st January, 1953, to the 31st October, 1954, 39 banks went into liquidation. A statement showing the names of the banks together with the reasons for their liquidation is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 10.]

(c) The various provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Banking Companies Act, 1949, and the powers of supervision and control conferred on the Reserve Bank particularly by the latter enactment are designed progressively to bring about the stabilisation of the banking system in the country.

PROSPECTING FOR PETROLEUM

***525. Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the answer to starred question No. 972 asked on the 15th September, 1954 and state what progress has since been made by the reconnaissance party of technicians who toured areas on both banks of the Hooghly?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): Gravity survey is proceeding in areas on both banks of river Hooghly.

EXCAVATIONS

***528. Shri Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of the fresh excavations that have been undertaken during 1954 so far by the Archaeological Department; and

(b) whether consequent on that, any articles of historical importance have been unearthed?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). The nature and results of the Archaeological excavations carried out in 1953-54 (upto 31st March, 1954) are contained in "Indian Archaeology—1953-54—A Review", pages 6-12, copies