

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know how many ex-servicemen are receiving training at present in these various centres?

Sardar Majithia: There are ex-servicemen undergoing training in vocational subjects: 123 in the D.G.R.E. and 28 in State institutions, making a total of 151, and technical 67 in the State institutions.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any agency has been set up to provide facilities for employment of these ex-servicemen who have been trained?

Sardar Majithia: No agency has been set up. They go through the normal channels of registration offices.

श्री भक्त वरान : क्या कोई एसी व्यवस्था की गई है कि जिस से जो भूतपूर्व सैनिक इन विद्यालयों से ट्रेनिंग पा कर निकलते हैं उनको कुछ कर्जा या सहायता दी जाए ताकि वे वही कारोबार कर सकें जिस की कि उन की ट्रेनिंग दी जाती है ?

सरदार मजीठिया : जिन को यह ट्रेनिंग दी जाती है वह हर लिहाज से नौकरी पाने के लिए दूसरों से बेहतर समझे जाते हैं ।

EXTERNAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

*1407. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the balance of external assistance that would be available for utilisation during 1955-56; and

(b) the total external authorised assistance received by India for the full Plan period?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha):

(a) Approximately Rs. 96 crores.

(b) The external assistance authorised from 1951-52 to 1954-55, exclusive of the American Wheat Loan and the loans from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, is approximately Rs. 155 crores. I wish

to add with your permission that the loan taken from the Monetary Fund is also not included in this.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Can we have the break-up of the heads under which we have got this aid for example, whether it was in the form of capital goods or some other goods or expert advice or expert service?

Shri A. C. Guha: It is all cash payment. I can say, from the United States we received year after year so much, from the Ford Foundation, from the Australian Government, from the New Zealand Government, from Canadian Government, etc. If the hon. Member wants, I can place this statement on the Table of the House instead of reading it.

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

श्रीमती कमलेंद्रु मति शाह : क्या इन लॉन्ज पर कोई इंटरैस्ट भी देना पड़ता है और यदि हां तो क्या पिछले चार सालों में यह बढ़ता गया है या घटता गया है ?

श्री ए० सी० गुहा : जी हां, कुछ देना पड़ता है ।

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know whether the Government ascertained the amount of foreign assistance that would be available for the Plan before the Plan was finalised and if so, whether Government contemplate to have some idea of the external assistance that will be available during the Second Five Year Plan, and would that be ascertained beforehand?

Shri A. C. Guha: It is very difficult to assess what foreign assistance we shall receive for the next five years, but we can say that the foreign assistance that we have been receiving so long is likely to continue at least for the near future.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Out of the total assistance received from foreign countries how much has to be repaid and how much is in the nature of subsidy, and how is the amount that is to be repaid required to be repaid?

Shri A. C. Guha: The statement I have promised to lay on the Table will give the information as to how much will be in the form of loan and how much in the form of grants, and so he will know how much will have to be repaid.

CUSTOMS DUTY

*1409. **Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 804 on the 16th December, 1954 and state whether Government have formulated any scheme to absorb the Customs Department employees of the States of Rajasthan and Madhya Bharat in the Customs Department of the Union consequent on the abolition of the internal customs duty in these States?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The matter is one for consideration by the respective State Governments.

Shri U. M. Trivedi: In view of the fact that the Customs Department is being abolished by the suggestion of the Union Government, will the Union Government not take any pity on these poor people who are being deprived of their livelihood?

Shri Datar: I may point out to the hon Member that the "Custom" is not to be understood in the sense of custom in respect of land and sea customs. Here, this relates to inter-State transit duty which had to be abolished under the Constitution and therefore there is no question of the Centre giving any aid, but still, as in the case of Hyderabad, the Centre has given certain priorities to the retrenched employees and if a request comes from these States, Government will consider it very sympathetically.

SULPHUR DEPOSITS AT PUGA (LADAKH)

*1413. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question

No. 511 on the 20th November, 1952 and state:

(a) whether the Indian Bureau of Mines has since completed its study of the possibility of working the deposits of sulphur at Puga in the District of Ladakh in Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether they have submitted any report to Government;

(c) whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table; and

(d) what decision has been arrived at by Government?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) A copy of the report is being placed in the Library of the House.

(d) The scheme can only be worked economically when proper communications are established.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if any estimate of the quantity of sulphur deposit in this area has since been computed?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes. The rough estimate is that there are about two lakh tons of sulphur there.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: When was this study completed?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: During 1951 the Indian Bureau of Mines undertook explorations.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: When was it completed, I asked.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: I am afraid I cannot give just now the exact time when it was completed.

तिब्बती भाषा

*१४१४. श्री भक्त वार्शन : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५२-५४ में भारत की विभिन्न शिक्षण संस्थाओं में अध्ययन करने वाले छात्रों की संख्या क्या थी, और