

(d) if so, the action taken against the persons concerned?

The Minister of Defence (Dr. Katju): (a) Yes, one Musket .410 Bore was stolen on the 16th November, 1954, from the Ammunition Depot, Gurgaon.

(b) Yes.

(c) Departmental enquiries are still in progress.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to (c) above.

(b) whether it is a fact that they have decreased as compared to the figures at the beginning of the year; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) The balances stood at about Rs. 731 crores on the 31st December, 1954.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

CALENDAR REFORM

*189. **Shri S. K. Razmi:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1672 on the 24th December, 1954 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present there are more than thirty Calendars in India;

(b) if so, the main differences between these Calendars and the Calendar prepared by the Calendar Reforms Committee; and

(c) what will be the main advantages of the new Calendar?

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

(b) and (c). There is no uniformity in the calculation of months, dates, length of the year, etc. between the existing calendars. An attempt has, therefore, been made by the Calendar Reform Committee to prepare on scientific lines a new Calendar based on the correct length of the year. Since the calculations of tithi, etc. in the new calendar are based on the modern luni-solar elements, the results of calculation would be more real and would agree with the corresponding phenomena in the sky.

STERLING BALANCES

*190. **Shri Sarangadhar Das:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the country's sterling balances at the end of December, 1954;

केंद्रीय समाज कल्याण बोर्ड

*१९१. श्री कृष्णाचार्य जीशी: क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केंद्रीय समाज कल्याण बोर्ड ने मंत्रणादाता-समिति (पैनल) द्वारा हाल में क. ग. सिफारिशें मान ली हैं, और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उनकी मुख्य सिफारिशें क्या हैं?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes, the majority of them were accepted.

(b) The recommendations related to individual institutions. There were no recommendations of a general nature.

POPULARIZATION OF VOLLEY BALL

*192. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the possibility of popularising Volley Ball in villages; and

(b) if so, the steps so far taken in this respect?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) The Government have no scheme for popularisation of Volley Ball in villages. An All India Council of Sports has been set up to explore the