

Military Farms

*150. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the total area sown by the Military Farms during the rabi season of 1954;

(b) the total cost incurred on these farms during that season; and

(c) the total value of the produce of these farms during that season?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) 5002.64 Acres.

(b) Rs. 6,31,285-2-6.

(c) Rs. 16,66,212-7-10.

Shri Gidwani: May I know what was grown and produced in these farms?

Sardar Majithia: Berseem, oats, scuji, Japan Rape, Field peas, wheat, barley, jowar, lucerne and cultivated and irrigated grasses.

Shri Gidwani: Have the Government any scheme to utilise the spare hours of the army personnel to conduct this work as is being done in some other countries?

Sardar Majithia: To begin with, this question has been replied a number of times in the debates raised during the budget session, and secondly, I would submit that this question hardly arises out of this main question.

National Fundamental Education Centre

*151. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a National Fundamental Education Centre at Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have approached the UNESCO for necessary technical assistance in this regard; and

(c) the time by which it will be established?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Centre is expected to come into existence during the current year.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What are the aims and objects of this National Fundamental Education Centre and in what way is this Centre going to contribute to the promotion of basic education in this country?

Dr. M. M. Das: The object of this Centre is to serve as a well-equipped national centre for the training of social education organisers and teachers and to act as the spearhead of the improvement of social education in the country. It will train leaders and teachers for social education.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: In reply to question No. 127 the hon. Deputy Minister said that the Jananta Colleges are training the community leaders at present. May I know whether these leaders are going to be different from the leaders to be trained by the National Fundamental Education Centre?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): The name "Fundamental Education" has been used by UNESCO and we use a similar term, "social education" in this country. The main purpose is not only to help the people to understand the problems of illiteracy but also to raise the standards. So, while training the leaders for social education, an attempt would also be made to help them to learn the techniques of raising the economic standards of people. This Centre, which is going to be established in Delhi, will be the main Centre where research in the techniques of social education will be carried on and social education organisers will be trained, at a higher level.

The Jananta Colleges are expected to be spread over all over the country where community leaders might come and train themselves for the service of the community. This Centre will train people at a higher level.

Shri Gopala Rao: May I know whether this National Fundamental Education Centre is mainly of a research character or will it be only a training centre? I want also to know whether any amount is set apart for education by the Ministry of Education of the Union Government and how the trainees are selected, and what sort of education will be given for the trainees?

Mr. Speaker: He has combined four questions in one.

Shri Gopala Rao: I want to know whether this Centre is mainly for education of a research character and whether the Central Government have set apart any particular amount for this education.

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The main object, as has already been explained by the Parliamentary Secretary is to serve as a well-equipped national centre for the training of social education organisers or teachers and to act as the spearhead of the improvement of social education in the country. Naturally, an institution like this will also conduct research in the field of social education.

Mr. Speaker: Is any amount set apart for this?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The project is likely to cost Rs. 2,24,168. This includes Rs. 1,6,668 as recurring and Rs. 67,500 as non-recurring, for equipment, etc.

Central Taxes

*152. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the amounts that were collected by the Central Government during 1954-55 in the State of Jammu and Kashmir by way of income tax, Central Excise Duties and other taxes due to the Central Government?

The Minister of Revenue and Civil Expenditure (Shri M. C. Shah): According to the provisional figures available, the amounts collected by the Central Government during 1954-55 in the state of Jammu and Kashmir by way of income-tax and Excise duties were Rs. 10,57,000/- and Rs. 3,00,875/- respectively. There was no collection on account of other taxes.

Historical Monuments in Jammu and Kashmir

*153. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is a proposal for entrusting some places of historic importance in Jammu and Kashmir to the care of Archaeological Department of India?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): Yes, Sir.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy: May I know the places of historic importance there?

Dr. M. M. Das: Those places of historic importance have not yet been selected. The hon. Member may realise that there are various legal and constitutional formalities which have to be gone through before these places can be taken over by our Archaeological Department.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether this proposal came from the Jammu and Kashmir Government, and if so, what was the proposal?

Dr. M. M. Das: The Kashmir Constituent Assembly passed a resolution and instructed their Government, the Government of Kashmir and Jammu, to inform our Home Ministry that they have got no objection to accede to the Union Government in respect of the item No. 67 of the Union List, that is, the item dealing with archaeological monuments, etc.

Shri Raghavaiah: As a result of the plebiscite that is likely to be conducted and as a result of which there is likely to be a partition of the Jammu and Kashmir State,

may I know whether the Government there is going to part with the historical monuments falling within that portion of the Jammu and Kashmir State which is likely to go to the other side?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. The question is premature.

Backward Classes Commission

*154. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2571 on the 26th April, 1955 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the report of the Backward Classes Commission; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). The Report is under examination.

Shri K. P. Sinha: What is the time expected to be taken for consideration of this report by Government?

Shri Datar: It will take some months.

Shri Jangde: May I know whether the report of the Backward Classes Commission be placed on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): Yes.

Shri Satyendra Narayan Sinha: May I know whether it is proposed to send copies of the report to the State Governments with a view to enable them to include their proposals in this regard under the Second Five Year Plan?

Pandit G. B. Pant: The report will be sent to the State Governments as soon as it becomes available. It is at present in the Press.

श्री पी० एन० राजभोज : मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि उसकी रिपोर्ट को एम्पली-मेंट करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

पंडित जी० बी० पन्त : अभी वह रिपोर्ट देखी जा रही है ।

Army Officers

*115. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to grant quasi-substantive ranks of captains and majors to certain officers in the Army;