

Pandit G. B. Pant: There is apparently a strong feeling so far as reports in the Press indicate.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether Government have taken note of the statement made by the Chief Minister of Bihar, and, if so, whether Government have arrived at any decision in that regard?

Pandit G. B. Pant: Government take note of every statement made by any person which has a bearing on the subject.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: What was the reason for modifying the S.R.C. proposal by excluding 500 sq. miles of territory in Purulia sub-division if the principle is that nothing should be modified except by agreement between the parties concerned? May I know whether the Minister is aware that this modification is not accepted by the people of West Bengal?

Pandit G. B. Pant: The people of Bihar do not accept the rest of the proposal altogether.

Mr. Speaker: There will be discussion on this later on.

NATIONAL INCOME CONFERENCE

*2387. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to reply given to Starred Question No. 2324 on the 28th September, 1955 and state:

(a) whether any National Income Conference with a view to finalise a programme of research on national income has been convened;

(b) if so, the nature of subjects discussed, decisions taken and recommendations made by it?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) No, Sir; but on the advice of the Fourth Joint Conference of Central and State Statisticians held in December, 1955, it has now been decided to convene a seminar instead, in which representatives of some Universities and research institutions have been invited to participate. In order to give the participants time for detailed study, the seminar is proposed to be held in October, 1956.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether the representatives of Universities and other experts would be invited to the seminar, and if so, who they are?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: The list of the invitees has not yet been finally drawn up, but I think all those who are interested in the seminar and have expert knowledge of this thing will be invited.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

NATIONAL MUSEUM

*2358. { **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:**
Shri Eswara Reddi:
Sardar Akarpuri:
Shri Ranjit Singh:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of a building for the National Museum in Delhi; and

(b) the time required for the completion of the work?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) and (b). Construction of the building of the National Museum has been divided into four phases. Work on the first phase has been taken in hand and the progress upto 31-3-56 is about 16% of the first phase. The work of first phase is expected to be completed by the end of March, 1958. The work of the whole building is expected to be completed during the Second Five Year Plan period.

STUDY OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

*2360. **Shri Gadilingana Gowd:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop the study of Russian Language in India; and

(b) if so, the details of programme?