

(ख) इस काम के लिये सरकार क्या क्या वित्तीय तथा अन्य सहायता देना चाहती है ?

शिक्षा उपमंत्री (डा० म० भो० दास) :

(क) एक विवरण सभा-घटल पर रख दिया गया है। [बेल्जिये परिशिष्ट १, अनुसूच्य संख्या ३३]।

(ख) हिन्दी विश्वकोष तैयार करने के लिये ६.५ लाख रुपये का अनुदान देने का सरकार का विचार है। इस विश्वकोष की रूपरेखा बही होगी जिस का सुझाव भारत सरकार द्वारा नियुक्त विशेषज्ञों की समिति तथा इस कार्य के सामान्य निरीक्षण के लिये बनाये गये विशेषज्ञों के सलाहकार बोर्ड ने दिया है।

#### Oil and Natural Gas Directorate

\*127. Sardar Iqbal Singh : Will be Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a new Oil and Natural Gas Directorate for systematic and detailed prospecting of the entire areas of Punjab and PEPSU for oil deposits; and

(b) if so, where the Headquarter of the new Directorate is located?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya) : (a) The oil and Natural Gas Directorate has been set up for detailed prospecting of oil and natural gas in the sedimentary basins of India including parts of the Punjab and PEPSU.

(b) Dehra Dun.

#### Scheduled Tribes

\*128. Shri D. C. Sharma : Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent during 1955-56 on the execution of development schemes in Punjab for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes out of the Central Grant-in-aid sanctioned for the purpose;

(b) whether any portion of the amount lapsed;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) the amount allowed to lapse during 1954-55; and

(e) whether this amount was later made available for the purpose of the welfare schemes ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar) : (a) Rs. 5,15,939.

(b) Yes.

(c) The working season in the Scheduled Areas of Lahaul and Spiti is of a very short duration. It is, therefore, not possible to do much work during this period. In the year 1955 there was very heavy snowfall in Lahaul and Spiti Areas early in October and the passes became blocked. The work had, therefore, to be stopped earlier than scheduled.

(d) Rs. 3,17,167.

(e) No.

#### Vigyan Mandir

60. Shri Ram Krishan : Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether any *vigyan mandir* has been established in the States of Punjab and PEPSU.

(b) if so, when ; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred on the *Mandir* ?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya) : (a) to (c). No Sir.

#### Oil Prospecting

61. Shri Ram Krishan : Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2374 on the 21st May, 1956 and state:

(a) the total number of applications of post-graduate Science students, University-wise, received from the various Universities for oil prospecting operations; and

(b) the names of the selected candidates, University-wise ?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya) : (a) 1433 applications for Apprentice Geologists and Geophysicists have been received by the Union Public Service Commission from all sources. (This figure includes the applications received from Post-Graduates, Graduates and others). It is not usual to sort out the applications by Universities and the time and labour involved in collecting it in the midst of carrying on interviews will not be commensurate with the possible interest of the information asked for.

(b) Selection has not yet been finalised.