

The figures of investment in the Treasury Savings Deposits in Delhi area separately are not available. A compilation of the required figures from the records of the Public Debt Office, Delhi, will involve time, labour and cost which will not be commensurate with the results.

(b) The total expenditure on the Small Savings Scheme was approximately as follows:—

(In thousands of rupees)

1949-50	...	21,17
1950-51	...	23,38
1951-52	...	30,00

The expenditure on the Delhi Provincial Organisation was as follows:—

(In thousands of rupees)

1949-50	...	89
1950-51	...	80
1951-52	...	82

(c) The Government have no reason to believe that this is so.

SCHEDULED TRIBES

180. Shri Deogam: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of Scheduled Tribes in the Republic of India;

(b) amount of money spent last year on education of the Scheduled Tribes by this Government;

(c) amount of money to be spent out of this year's budget for their education;

(d) per capita expenditure on education in India; and

(e) approximate per capita expenditure on Education of Scheduled Tribes?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Figures for 1951 Census are not yet available but according to 1941 Census, Scheduled Tribes within the Republic of India numbered approximately 2,47,43,000.

(b) Besides expenditure incurred by the States on the education of Scheduled Tribes students by way of exempting them, from payment of tuition fees and award of scholarships for their primary, secondary and higher education, the Government of India spent during 1951-52 Rs. 2,81,780 for scholarships to Scheduled Tribes students pursuing post matriculation education.

(c) Rs. 3,50,000.

(d) According to 1949-50 returns, expenditure on education was Rs. 2.9 per capita of the population.

(e) The information is not available as separate statistics to show expenditure on Education of Scheduled Tribes are not maintained.

TOBACCO GROWING

181. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total acreage under tobacco cultivation, district-wise, in the States of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh from 1947 to 1951;

(b) the number of tobacco growers, district-wise, in the above-mentioned two States from 1947 to 1951;

(c) the number of persons, district-wise, who grow it for their personal use; and

(d) the annual expenditure that is incurred by Government, district-wise, in the two States during these years?

The Minister of State for Finance (Shri Tyagi): The particulars asked for by the hon. Member are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, as early as possible.

PROGRESS OF BASIC EDUCATION

182. Shri C. N. P. Sinha: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Basic Education in India so far; and

(b) the number of Basic Education instruction institutions in India?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Attention of the Member is invited to the replies given to starred questions Nos. 266 and 276 on May 29, 1952.

(b) The latest information available regarding the number of Basic schools in India relates to the year 1950-51 and is given in the statement which is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 8].

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS TO STATES

183. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the total expenditure incurred by the Union Government during the years 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, and 1951-52 to make grants to the States for educational purposes?