

- (ii) 510 Army Base Workshop, Meerut;
- (iii) 509 Army Base Workshop, Agra;
- (iv) 507 Army Base Workshop, Kankinara;
- (v) 515 Army Base Workshop, Bangalore;
- (vi) 512 Army Base Workshop, Kirkee;
- (vii) 508 Army Base Workshop, Allahabad; and

(b) what steps the Ministry of Defence have taken to cut down the local purchase of stores for the Defence requirements?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah):**

(a) The total amount of local purchase of stores in the Army Base Workshops at Delhi Cantt. Meerut, Agra, Kankinara, Bangalore, Kirkee and Allahabad for the year 1961-62 is Rs. 56 lakhs approximately.

(b) Most of these local purchases pertain to spares for vehicles and other equipments. Local purchase is resorted to when the spares are not readily available in stock in order to avoid hold-ups in the Repair Programme. Such purchases are restricted to actual requirements and cannot be avoided.

**Mid-day Meals to Students**

**691. Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have made arrangements for the supply of mid-day meals to primary school students;

(b) if so, the incidental cost that is on the average incurred per head per month and measures adopted for raising the wherewithal;

(c) what is the extent of the improvements brought about both in the mind and physique of the students enjoying these benefits; and

(d) whether Government have already suggested to the other States to emulate this healthy example?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of the mid-day meal is about 10-12 naye paise per child per day. At present the cost is met by mobilising contributions from the local community, and the funds provided by the State Government, supplemented by assistance where available from outside agencies.

(c) No detailed studies have yet been made; but it is obvious that a programme of mid-day meals will have a healthy effect on the mind and body of the students.

(d) Efforts are being made to expand this programme in all parts of the country.

**Labour and Social Welfare Camps**

**692. Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements that have been made in organising labour and social service camps for under-Graduate students of universities;

(b) what has been the response so far received from teachers and students; and

(c) whether such voluntary participation rather than the introduction of any form of compulsion will be effective?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):** (a) No special arrangements have been made for organising Labour and Social Service Camps for under-Graduate students, though whenever such camps are organised under the scheme of the Ministry of Education, under-Graduate students are free to join them.

(b) Does not arise, as no special camps are organised for under-Graduate students and teachers.