

**Basic Education and Rural Development**

**2798. Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Study Group set up to explore the possibilities of co-ordination of Basic Education work with rural development work has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the important features of the report; and

(c) how far it has been found possible to implement the recommendations made therein?

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

(b) and (c). The report of the Study Group was submitted to the All India Council for Elementary Education, (on whose recommendation the Group was set up) at its meeting held on 30-31st October, 1961. The Council decided to postpone consideration of the report. The question of implementation of its recommendations at this stage, therefore, does not arise.

The proceedings of the Council's meeting of October, 1961 containing the Report of the Group are available in the Parliament Library.

**Rewards for discovering Mineral Deposits**

**2799. Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have been rewarded during 1961-62 for supplying information leading to the discovery of new mineral deposits of economic importance; and

(b) what minerals have been found on their supplying the information?

**The Deputy Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis):** (a) and (b). No person has so far been granted any reward. In one case, the discovery of a new mineral deposit of Kyanite

has been confirmed by the Indian Bureau of Mines. The case for the grant of reward to the person concerned is under consideration.

**Fire Accidents in Tripura**

**2800. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fire accidents that took place in Tripura during 1961-62;

(b) total loss incurred by the people;

(c) total financial aid given; and

(d) whether fire brigades can be set up in the divisional towns as protective measures?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a) 232.

(b) Approximately Rs. 9,79,550/-.

(c) A sum of Rs. 2,440/- was distributed as gratuitous relief to deserving victims. Another sum of Rs. 13,200/- was advanced as loans in deserving cases.

(d) There are at present two fire service units in Tripura, one at Agartala and the other at Udaipur. Another unit will be opened at Dharmnagar shortly. Proposals to open a Fire Service Unit each at Kailashahar, Khowai and Belonia are under examination.

**Central Grant to Tripura Territorial Council**

**2801. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total central grant demanded by the Tripura Territorial Council in their final budget estimates of 1962-63; and

(b) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a) Rs. 309,10,478.00 nP.