

(d) Provision of Rs. 2,50,000 for grants and Rs. 3 lakhs for loans has been made in the Budget for 1967-68.

Workers in Manganese Mines, in Goa

2471. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers in the employ of iron ore and manganese ore mine-owners in Goa;

(b) the names of States to which they belong and the State-wise percentage thereof;

(c) the arrangements made by the mine-owners for providing them with houses; and

(d) the arrangements made by Government to provide educational facilities to their children?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) to (d). The required information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

Regional Research Institute, Jorhat

2472. Shri E. Barua: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether in calling for applications for posts in the Regional Research Institute, Jorhat for Engineers, Diploma Holders were equated with Degree holders;

(b) if so, the underlying principle for putting overseers and persons holding B.E. Degree in the same category;

(c) out of the applicants, how many persons from Assam holding B.E. Degree were there and how many from outside the State;

(d) whether any of the applicants from Assam holding B.E. Degree was called for interview in Delhi;

(e) whether the diploma holders from outside the State were called for the interview in preference to B.E.s from Assam; and

(f) if so, the reasons for this and the final appointments made in the category?

The Minister of Education (Dr. Triguna Sen): (a) No, Sir. Qualifications, namely; "degree or diploma in Civil Engineering with minimum 5 years experience in design construction and research", were prescribed so as to evoke wider response for the post.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Out of 18 applicants, there was only one applicant from Assam holding B. E. degree. Others were from outside the State of which 5 were holding B.E. degree

(d) No, Sir The applicant from Assam did not possess any research experience.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The criteria adopted for selecting candidates for interview by the Regional Research Laboratory, Jorhat were educational qualification, research experience and research aptitude as evidence by published research papers.

The candidate selected for appointment holds a B.Sc. degree and diploma in Civil Engineering one year construction and 8 years research experience. He has published 15 research papers.

Jhuggis destroyed by Fire in New Delhi

2473. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 100 families living in jhuggis along the railway line near Minto Bridge, New Delhi were turned destitutes on the 31st May, 1967 when a fire destroyed most of their household goods; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to help the victims of the fire?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) More than 100