

permanent status and pay. All such optees for India are thus enjoying the same privileges, prospects of promotion as are admissible to other permanent employees in the same grades and in the same Offices/Departments.

(c) No.

REVENUE OF ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

696. Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: (a) Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state what was the total revenue of Andamans and Nicobar Islands in October, 1945 when the Islands were re-occupied after Japanese surrender and what was the expenditure on administration towards the close of 1945?

(b) What were the revenue and expenditure on the administration of these Islands in the years 1949 and 1951?

(c) What was the revenue from forests alone?

(d) What is the state of means of communications between Andamans and Nicobar, specially car, in Nicobar Islands?

(e) What is the estimated income after full exploitation of forests within five years?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Revenue receipts of October 1945 to March 1946 were Rs. 2,46,000 and the expenditure for the same period was Rs. 36,99,000.

(b) The revenue and expenditure were as follows:

	Revenue	Expenditure
	Rs.	Rs.
1949-50 .	85,69,000	1,28,64,000
1950-51 .	79,29,200	1,41,41,100
1951-52 .	1,07,97,000	1,38,83,000

Rs.

(c) 1949-50	70,23,000
1950-51	50,64,700
1951-52	74,35,000

(d) The S. S. "Maharaja" visits Car Nicobar on every voyage from Port Blair to Madras and back about twelve times a year. Small vessels owned by M/S Akoojee and Co., Agents at Nicobar, link up the islands of the Nicobar group with Port Blair, and are available for Government use whenever required.

(e) It is expected to be Rs. 105 lakhs at the end of 1956-57.

NICOTINE

697. Dr. Amin: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state;

(a) the total expenses incurred for completing the research for producing Nicotine from tobacco waste by the National Chemical Laboratory; and

(b) what will be the cost of Nicotine produced by this process and the cheapest cost at which it is available from abroad?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Total expenses incurred are approximately Rs. 6,200/-.

(b) The economics of the process are being examined by the National Chemical Laboratory. Cost of imported Nicotine Sulphate is reported to be approximately Rs. 20 per kilogram (=2.2 lbs. approximately).

LANGUAGE TABLES

698. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether language tables are being compiled in connexion with the 1951 Census;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, when such tables are expected to be published; and

(c) whether special language tables are being prepared for the Hindi-speaking regions, showing break-ups in the major regional languages like Brijbhasha, Bundalkhandi, etc.?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes.

(b) The tables are expected to be published by the middle of 1953.

(c) The language tables for the 1951-Census will give all the languages and dialects as returned by the persons enumerated.

VISITS OF SECRETARY

699. Dr. Amin: (a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state how many times, at what times and for how long during each trip the present Secretary to the Ministry has gone out of India on Government business since 15th August, 1947?

(b) What are the names of the countries visited by him during each trip and the reasons for the same?

(c) What expenses were incurred by Government for each of these trips?

(d) Have any reports been submitted by him and if so, when do Government propose to lay these Reports on the Table of the House?