

(b) whether any States have been able to make extra collections; and

(c) if so, which are the States and what are the sums which they have collected?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). It is too early to judge the results of the intensification of the Small Savings Scheme as agreed to at the recent Finance Ministers' Conference. This year's intensified Savings campaign has started only recently and the figures of collections will not be known for some months.

CENTRAL DRUG RESEARCH INSTITUTE,
LUCKNOW

177. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of **Natural Resources and Scientific Research** be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred till the 1st January, 1953 for the Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, including cost of appliances, buildings if any, salaries to officers etc.; and

(b) the average yearly cost of running this Institute?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 20.]

I.E.C. OFFICER

178. Shri Lakshman Singh Charak: Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of I.E.C. Officers commissioned during the Second World War;

(b) the total number of I.E.C. Officers released after the war;

(c) the total number of such Officers in the I.A. on 15th August 1947; and

(d) the total number still retained and the reasons for their retention?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) 15,510.

(b) 7,710.

(c) and (d). It is not in the public interest to disclose the strength of I.E.C. Officers in the Indian Army either as on 15th August 1947 or today. A certain number of such officers are being retained because their services are still required.

DRAINING WATER FROM LAKE

179. Shri Gidwani: (a) Will the Minister of **States** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that one thousand volunteers from 12 villages near the Loushi Lake, about 25 miles from Imphal, were engaged in draining water from the lake on the understanding that each volunteer would receive 2½ acres of land free from the State Government for paddy cultivation after the work was finished?

(b) If so, has the work been completed and the land granted free to the volunteers as promised?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Yes. The exact area of land each volunteer will get will be determined on the basis of actual hours of work given by him.

(b) The work has not yet been completed. The question of distribution of land does not therefore immediately arise.

TRAINER AIRCRAFTS

180. Shri Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that six Trainer Aircrafts named "HT-2" have been recently completed by the Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., Bangalore?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): Yes, Sir. Not only completed but took part in the fly past on the Republic Day Parade.

SCARCITY OF FODDER

181. Shri L. J. Singh: Will the Minister of **States** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of cattle in and around Lymphelpat have died recently due to scarcity of fodder, arising out of the conversion of a considerable portion of the grazing ground known as Lymphelpat into rice-growing fields; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) There have not been any abnormal deaths of cattle due to scarcity of fodder. The few cases of cattle disease reported were promptly dealt with.

(b) Does not arise.