

- (ii) Home/Infirmary at Katiyana (Saurashtra).
- (iv) *Arya Pradeshak Pratinidhi Sabha.*
- (i) Home for unattached women and children at Ferozepore.
- (v) *Children's National Institute.*
- (i) Home for displaced children at Swaraj Bhawan, Allahabad.
- (vi) *Sindhu Resettlement Corporation, Gandhidham.*
- (i) Home for unattached women etc. at Gandhidham.
- (vii) *Jainendra Gurukula Ashram.*
- (i) Gurukula, Panchkula, Ambala.

With the exception of the Children's National Institute, Allahabad, and the Jainendra Gurukula Ashram, Panchkula, the rest of the institutions are given a monthly grant of Rs. 25 per inmate per month, which covers all recurring expenditure on food, clothing, education, vocational training and medical relief.

In the case of the Children's National Institute, Allahabad and the Jainendra Gurukula Ashram, Panchkula the grant in aid is given at the rate of Rs. 30 per head per month, in view of a somewhat higher standard of management at the former institution and special arrangements for vocational training of children at the latter.

MESSES FOR RANK AND FILE

675. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state what are the rules regarding the running of Unit messes of soldiers?

(b) Are there unit Committees for running these messes?

(c) Is any representation given to soldiers on these Committees?

(d) If so, are these representatives nominated by the authorities or elected by the soldiers?

(e) Has any complaint regarding the nature, quantity and quality of food served in other ranks' messes, come to the notice of Government in recent times?

(f) If so, what is the nature of these complaints and what action have Government taken on them?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): (a) As a general rule,

Officers Commanding units are responsible for ensuring that their men get properly cooked and balanced food. For this purpose they are assisted by their unit messing Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers in charge Cook Houses and cooks of the unit.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The representatives are elected by the soldiers.

(e) No complaint regarding the nature or the quantity of food served in other ranks' messes has come to the notice of Government. A complaint, however, was received some time ago about the quality of rice that was being supplied to the troops.

(f) This one solitary complaint was to the effect that the rice supplied was of an inferior quality. This was at a time when there was a world-wide shortage of rice; and rice which was of a quality slightly below the standard had to be accepted as there was no other alternative. This temporary phase lasted only for a short period; the quality of rice now supplied to the troops is considered reasonably good.

FLAG DAY COLLECTION

676. Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state how much money was collected on the Flag Day during 1951, how much was spent out of it during that year and the purposes for which spent?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): The collections made on Flag Day (7th December) 1951 totalled Rs. 8.2 lakhs. A statement is placed on the Table of the House showing the allocations made from this amount as augmented by the balance from the previous year. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 46.]

ENROLMENTS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

677. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the total enrolments in Primary Schools in India in the year 1950-51; and

(b) the total enrolments in Secondary Schools during the said period?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): Approximate figures are:—

(a) 184 lakhs.

(b) 52 lakhs.