

TRADE DEPOTS IN N.E.F. AGENCY

1218. Shri Bishang Keishing: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trade depots established in the interior of the North East Frontier Agency to facilitate supply of essential articles to the people at reasonable price;

(b) the names of the essential articles and the approximate cash value of the same kept annually in each of the depots; and

(c) how far the needs and demands of the people for essential articles are met by this arrangement?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) Three.

(b) A statement giving the names of the sixteen articles kept at the Depots is placed on the Table. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 26]

The annual approximate cash value is as follows:—

Kimin:	..	Rs. 5,000.
Sagalle:	..	Rs. 10,000.
Ziro:	..	Rs. 15,000.

(c) The essential articles mentioned in para. (b) above were supplied to the hill people at rates lower than those prevailing in the plains market as the Trade Depots are run on a "no-profit" basis. The majority of the essential articles were supplied and the demands of the tribal people of the neighbouring areas were fulfilled. Elsewhere there are ordinary private shops which meet the needs of the people.

The tribal people are encouraged to run their own 'economy' shops which have been opened in some places.

MEDICAL FACILITIES IN N.E.F. AGENCY

1219. Shri Gohain: (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of hospitals, dispensaries and health units which are already in existence in the N.E.F. Agency?

(b) How many more hospitals, dispensaries and health units will be established by 1955-56?

(c) What amount will be spent on this scheme?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) 5 hospitals, 41 dispensaries including 3 ayurvedic dispensaries and 16 Mobile Health Units are at present in existence in the North-East Frontier Agency.

(b) Under the Five Year Plan, 8 hospitals, including 2 Base hospitals, 22 dispensaries and 6 Mobile Health Units are proposed to be established during the 3 years period, i.e., from 1953-54 to 1955-56.

(c) An amount of Rs. 65 lakhs is proposed to be spent during the 5 year period (1951-56) for the implementation of the schemes under the Development Plan. This includes the expenses for training of 25 doctors, 25 compounders and 15 midwives from among the tribal people, a leprosy colony in addition to the 3 already established, an anti-Malaria and an anti-V. D. Unit.

SALT ALLOTMENT TO BIHAR

1220. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of different varieties of salt allotted to the State of Bihar during 1951-52 and 1952-53;

(b) the extent to which these quotas were lifted during 1951-52 and 1952-53; and

(c) whether the salt requirements of Bihar have been fully met by the quota allotted thereto?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) and (b). A statement showing the quota of different varieties of salt allotted to Bihar and the quantity lifted during 1951-52 and 1952-53 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 27.]

(c) During 1951-52, 94 per cent. of the total requirements of the State were met, and in 1952-53 the total lifting was in excess of the quota, having been 115 per cent.

FOREIGN PASSPORTS FOR PERSONS IN TRIPURA

1221. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state how many persons from Tripura applied for foreign passports i.e. excluding those for Pakistan in 1952-53 and how many of them have been refused the same?

The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): During the year 1952-53, six persons from Tripura applied for international passports. Of these, four were granted passports, one was refused and one application is still pending.