

BACKWARD CLASSES COMMISSION

105. Shri Muniswamy: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state how far the Backward Classes Commission has progressed in visiting the various places of our country?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The Commission which commenced its work on the 1st March 1953 has so far visited the States of Hyderabad and Mysore.

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१०६. श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १३ वर्ष में राष्ट्रीय भाषा के प्रचारण के विषय में श्री गाडगिल ने जो योजना बनाई है क्या सरकार का ध्यान उस की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने श्री गाडगिल द्वारा बनाये गये कार्यक्रम को स्वीकार किया है या कि इस प्रयोजन के लिये कोई अन्य कार्यक्रम बनाया है; तथा

(ग) यदि बनाया है तो उस की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). This scheme as well as several others have been published in the Press. Government try to benefit from such suggestions. A Statement is placed on the Table of the House which will show what Government are doing in this connection. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 60.]

AMENITIES TO THE SECRETARIAT STAFF

107. Ch. Raghbir Singh: (a) Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government are going to provide amenities to the Secretariat Staff?

(b) Are there any details of the amenities so far worked out?

(c) Has any Committee been set up to work out these details?

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

(b) and (c). The Secretariat Staff Welfare and amenities Committee has now been set up and the details of the amenities and other facilities to be provided are being worked out on an organised scale.

EX-SERVICEMEN'S POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION FUND

108. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money that has been spent by the Government of the Punjab out of the Ex-Servicemen's Post-War Reconstruction Fund up to the end of 1952; and

(b) the items on which this money has been spent?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) The total expenditure from the Punjab Post War Reconstruction Fund up to 31st December 1952 was Rs. 26,62,209-13-1.

(b) A statement showing the details of the expenditure is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 61.]

SMALL SAVINGS SCHEME

109. Shri M. L. Dwivedi: (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the total number of employees serving under the Small Savings Scheme of the Government of India?

(b) Is the scheme likely to become a permanent feature?

(c) If so, has any decision been taken or is likely to be taken in this matter?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) The total number of employees serving in the Small Savings Scheme as on 1st July, 1953 was 693.

(b) and (c). The Small Savings Scheme is intended to be of a permanent nature. The question of mak-