

pleased to state whether Government have received any report of damages caused by the recent floods of Godavari in the Hyderabad State?

(b) If so, how many villages have been affected by the floods there?

(c) What is the extent of loss to life and property?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Yes.

(b) 58.

(c) It is estimated that about 25-30 persons lost their lives. About 500 houses were completely destroyed and about 4,500 houses partly damaged. Some hutments were also washed away.

CHOWKIDARS IN MANIPUR

639. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of States be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chowkidars are engaged in villages in the plains of Manipur in order to assist the local Government authorities in the administration and maintenance of law and order;

(b) if so, since when this system has been introduced in Manipur;

(c) what is the exact nature and scope of their functions and responsibilities;

(d) the number of chowkidars engaged at present in villages in the plains of Manipur;

(e) whether they are elected by the villagers or appointed by the local Government; and

(f) whether they are entitled to a monthly remuneration?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) to (f). The required information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House when received.

जैसलमेर में संगमरमर की खानें

६४०. श्री चांडक : क्या प्राकृतिक

संसाधन तथा वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान मंत्री

यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सत्य है कि राजस्थान के जैसलमेर डिवीजन में विभिन्न प्रकार के संगमरमर की खानें हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सत्य है कि केवल इसी क्षेत्र में उत्तम प्रकार का संगमरमर मिलता है ;

(ग) इस क्षेत्र में कितने प्रकार का तथा किस किस रंग का संगमरमर मिलता है तथा इसे किस काम में लाया जाता है ; तथा

(घ) क्या इस क्षेत्र का संगमरमर विदेशों को भी भेजा जाता है ?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Two varieties. The first called Jaisalmer marble is of yellow colour and has a fine uniform texture. It takes carving well and is resistant to weather. The second Abur stone is a fine red to red-brown fossiliferous 'shell marble'. It finds use in temples in Northern India.

(d) Information has been called for and will be laid on the Table of the House, when received.

सरकारी अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध मुकदमों

६४१. श्री बाबशाह गुप्त : (क) क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि १९४७ तथा जुलाई १९५३ के बीच केन्द्रीय सरकार के किन किन अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध प्रदातों में मुकदमों दायर किए गए हैं ?

(ख) कितने मामलों में फौसले दिये जा चुके हैं ?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.