

Dollar from 1949 onwards are as follows:—

Year	\$ million Contribution (+) Drawings (-)
1949	-72
1950	+77
1951	-12
1952	-118
1953 (January-June Provisional)	+9

(b) There were no contributions from India to the Central Reserves during August 1947 to July 1949; on the other hand she withdrew about \$390 million from the Reserves during this period.

#### CENTRAL BUILDING RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ROORKEE

**254. Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state the number of scholars engaged in Research work in the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): The number of persons employed on research work at this Institute number 13, including the Director and the two Assistant Directors.

#### TOBACCO EXCISE DUTIES

**255. Prof. D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the annual revenue derived by the Centre through the tobacco excise duties from the Punjab State during the period from 1942 to 1952?

(b) What are the reasons for the increase or decrease of this revenue?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha): (a) and (b). A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 68.]

#### DISCOVERY OF CAVES IN AURANGABAD

**256. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that nine caves have been discovered by the Archæological department in Taluka Kannad, District Aurangabad of Hyderabad State?

(b) If so, what is the historical significance of these caves?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The Pithalkora caves, which are presumably the caves, the hon. Member has in mind, have been known for the last 75 years. They were re-surveyed recently.

(b) The caves belong to the 4-5th Century A.D. and they contain paintings which are drawn in the same style as those at Ajanta.

#### TRAINING OF RESEARCH SCHOLARS

**257. Shri B. C. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state how many research workers under the Research Training Scholarships in operation from 1949/50 in accordance with the recommendations of the Scientific Manpower Committee, have been trained from 1950 to 1952, each year?

(b) How many of the above have been absorbed and in what capacities in the National Laboratories and other centres so far?

The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Four in 1950, twenty-nine in 1951 and forty-two in 1952.

(b) Thirty-five scholars have been absorbed in the various organizations and twenty-seven are engaged in advanced research. Information relating to the remaining thirteen is not available.

A.—Thirtyfive scholars absorbed as follows:—

(i) Government organisations		
Research posts	... 9	
Technical posts	... 5	
(ii) National Laboratories		
Research posts	... 2	
(iii) Universities and Institutions		
Research posts	... 5	
Teaching posts	... 9	
(iv) Industry		
Research posts	... 1	
Technical posts	... 4	

B.—Twentyseven scholars engaged in advanced research as follows:—

(i) Universities and Institutions in India	... 20
(ii) Foreign Universities	... 7

#### RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR NAVAL PERSONNEL

258. **Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** (a) Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that repeated demands have been made to Government for making adequate residential arrangements for the naval personnel?

(b) What steps have so far been and are proposed to be taken in order to provide maximum living accommodation for the married ratings and their families?

(c) What is the minimum accommodation that is provided to a married person of the lowest rank?

**The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi):** (a) and (b). Yes. Government have considered this matter from time to time. Residential accommodation has been, and is being, provided as far as possible, within the available budgetary resources, in the following ways:—

(i) by conversion of existing temporary accommodation; and

(ii) by provision of permanent accommodation.

(c) Two rooms and accessories with a plinth area of 682 Sq. ft.

#### SHASTRI AWARD

259. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether the Indian Banks' Association have accepted the Shastri Award wholesale?

(b) How many Banks in India have been paying dividends during the last five years and at what rate?

(c) What has been on an average the cost of labour per head during the last five years?

(d) What is the percentage of increase in such cost from year 1947?

**The Deputy Ministry of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha):** (a) Government has no information apart from the statement dated the 18 May 1953 issued by the Indian Banks' Association to the Press.

(b) Information is contained in the Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India, published by the Reserve Bank of India every year, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d). It is not clear what is meant by "the cost of labour". If the reference is to the average cost of Bank employees of different categories, the information is not readily available.

#### NATIONAL CHEMICAL LABORATORY, POONA

260. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state the estimated cost and the cost incurred on the construction of National Chemical Laboratory building at Poona?

(b) When did the construction work start and when was it completed?

**The Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 69.]