

(b) As the payment of the grants to the State Government will depend on the actual expenditure incurred on each item, as verified by the Audit Department, the question of exercising any special check does not arise.

#### LOAN TO ANDHRA

\*1283. **Shri Buchhikotalah:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply to a supplementary question raised on starred question No. 259 asked on the 30th August, 1954 and state:

(a) the amount of loan so far given to Andhra;

(b) whether any suggestions were made by the Centre for the utilization of the loan; and

(c) if so, the suggestions made and the reactions of the State Government in this connection?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (**Shri M. C. Shah**): (a) No disbursement has so far been made to Andhra against the loan assistance of Rs. 920 lakhs offered to them in 1954-55.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### CIVILIAN DEFENCE EMPLOYEES

\*1290. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan:**  
**Shri Punnoose:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Civilian Defence employees, who have been retrenched since September, 1952;

(b) the total number of employees who have been paid gratuity, which the retrenched personnel are entitled to;

(c) the reasons for the delay in clearing their arrears; and

(d) the steps that are being taken by Government to clear them?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (**Shri Satish Chandra**): (a) 8,124.

(b) Out of 782 persons entitled to gratuity, 303 have been paid so far.

(c) The main reasons for the delay are:

(i) lack of information regarding the whereabouts of the entitled persons; and

(ii) time taken in verification of claims.

(d) Efforts are being made to ascertain the last-known addresses of the individuals and instructions have been issued to all concerned to speed up disposal of the outstanding claims.

#### PRE-PRIMARY TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE

649. **Shri Dholakia:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places where there are training colleges maintained by Government or receiving aid from Government for Pre-Primary Teachers;

(b) the total number of such colleges;

(c) the number of Government and private institutions among them;

(d) the number of persons receiving training in these institutions; and

(e) the total expenditure incurred on them during the year 1953-54?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (**Maulana Azad**): (a) to (e). The required information is being collected from the various States and will be placed on the table of the House as soon as it is received in this Ministry.

#### TOBACCO

650. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the area in acres in which tobacco was grown during the years 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 in the districts of the Punjab; and

(b) the quantity of tobacco produced in that area during the same periods?