

FOREIGN AID TO INDIA

818. Shri K. P. Tripathi: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 20 million dollars foreign aid offered by U.S.A. to India to purchase 100 steam locomotives and 5,000 railway wagons would be a grant or a loan;

(b) whether it is a fact that the lowest tenders have not been accepted for part of the contract;

(c) if so, who will bear the burden of the additional cost on account of the increased price in case it would be a loan; and

(d) the estimated amount of this additional cost?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri M. C. Shah): (a) Grant.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In view of answer to (a) above, the question does not arise; it may be stated, however, that the additional cost will be fully met by an additional grant from the U.S.A.

(d) Approximately nine to ten million Dollars.

GRANTS TO POETS AND WRITERS

819. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have recommended the cases of Oriya poets and writers for sanction of grants during the year 1954-55;

(b) if so, their names; and

(c) the decision taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

820. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa have been asked

by the Government of India to suggest the names of books in Oriya suitable for children's literature:

(b) if so, the suggestions that have been received by Government in this connection; and

(c) whether the suggestions have been approved by Government?

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

(b) Some books have been received from the State Government which are being examined.

(c) Not so far.

"GANDHI MAHAPURAN"

821. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India propose to obtain an Oriya edition of the "Gandhi Mahapuram", which has been published in Orissa, for use in the National Library, Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what is the price of the book?

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

(b) Not known.

CHILD GUIDANCE CENTRE

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

(a) the kind of guidance given in the Child Guidance Centre, opened in the Central Institute of Education, Delhi;

(b) the number of persons benefited from this Centre during the year 1953-54;

(c) the total number of 'Child Guidance Centres' and the names of the places where they are located in India; and

(d) whether Government will place on the Table of the House 'reports' of the work done at these Centres?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) The cases referred to the centre are mostly cases of mentally retarded children. Beyond testing their level of intelligence, not much has been done to help them so far. A special class or school is required for that purpose which the Institute does not at present possess.

Other cases are of emotionally disturbed children showing various symptoms such as aggression, recessiveness or shyness, stubbornness or disobedience, bed-wetting or neurosis, restlessness or lack of concentration, educational backwardness and anti-social behaviour of various types, like stealing, assault and pick-pocketing. In these cases guidance has generally taken the form of necessary psychological instructions to the parents or guardians. The Institute is also trying to follow-up the cases referred to it, although it has not had any notable success in the matter so far.

(b) During the year 1953-54, thirty cases received guidance at the centre, the details of which are: Aggression—3, Neurosis—3, Lack of concentration or restlessness—2, Mentally retarded, the backward or the dull—18, Recessive or Shy—2, Stubborn or disobedient—2.

Besides these the reader in Psychology at the Institute studied 140 delinquent children in the District Jail and the Children's Home, Delhi, at the invitation of the authorities there.

(c) and (d). The information asked for is the concern of State Governments.

PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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

(a) the total number of pre-Primary Schools working in each State of India during the period from the 1st April, 1953 to the 31st March, 1954;

(b) the number of schools maintained by Government and by private organizations respectively;

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(c) the number of such private schools in each State which are receiving grants-in-aid from Government;

(d) the number of boys and girls enrolled in these schools during the period mentioned in part (a) above; and

(e) the expenditure incurred by Government by way of maintenance etc., of these schools during the same period?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) to (c). The information regarding the year 1953-54 is not yet available. It may further be pointed out that such information when received from the State Governments is published in the Annual Reports and copies of these Reports are available in the Library.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

824. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Foreign Missionary Societies allowed to work in Manipur upto now;

(b) whether Government have totally banned the entry of Foreign Missionaries into Manipur State; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) According to information available with Government, two Foreign Missionary Societies viz. the North-East Indian General Mission and the American Baptist Foreign Mission are working in Manipur.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

NON-INDIAN EMPLOYEES

825. Diwan Raghavendra Rao: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons of non-Indian origin employed in various