

भाग 'ख' राज्यों में सीमा शुल्क

८०४. श्री एस० एस० द्विवेदी : क्या राज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) किन किन भाग 'ख' राज्यों में अब भी सीमा शुल्क लिया जाता है ;

(ख) इन राज्यों को सीमा शुल्क से, उस पर होने वाले व्यय को पूरा करने के बाद, कितनी वार्षिक आय होती है ;

(ग) सीमा शुल्क को अवधि से पूर्व समाप्त करने की योजनाओं का कार्यान्वित करने में क्या प्रगति हुई है और इन राज्यों में इसके कब तक समाप्त हो जाने की आशा है ;

(घ) क्या सीमा शुल्क के बन्द हो जाने के फलस्वरूप केन्द्रीय सरकार को किसी राज्य के लिये कुछ आवर्तक या अनावर्तक अनुदान देना पड़ेगा ; और

(ङ) यदि हाँ, तो इन अनुदानों की राशि क्या है और भुगतान कब किया जायेगा ?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) and (b). The States which are at present levying internal customs duties and the net revenue from these duties as budgeted by them for 1954-55 are as follows:

Hyderabad	Rs. 164 lakhs.
Rajasthan	Rs. 313 lakhs.
Madhya Bharat	Rs. 74 lakhs.
Saurashtra	Rs. 10 lakhs.

(c) The State Governments concerned have been taking steps to reduce or abolish the internal customs duties wherever possible and have, in consultation with the Central Government, decided that the duties should be completely abolished with effect from the 1st April, 1955.

(d) and (e). It is expected that the Rajasthan and Madhya Bharat Governments will require some assistance

from the Centre for meeting the loss caused by the complete abolition of the internal customs duties from the 1st April, 1955. The nature and extent of the assistance to be given to these States are still under consideration.

GENERAL CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

805. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply to the starred question No. 1115 asked on the 20th September, 1954 and state the amount spent so far on the foreign students who are availing themselves of the educational facilities in India under the General Cultural Scholarships Scheme during the year 1954-55?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): Rs. 5,36,458.

UNEMPLOYMENT

806. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Ram Dass:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme initiated by the Government of India in August 1953 to relieve unemployment has been taken advantage of by all the States;

(b) if not, the names of the States who have not yet participated in the scheme;

(c) the total numbers of rural school teachers and social education workers who have so far been appointed in different States under that scheme;

(d) whether any technical or vocational schools have also been opened under the scheme; and

(e) if so, their number and the names of the places where they have been opened?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) Most of the States are participating in the scheme.

(b) Andaman and Nicobar Islands are not interested. Proposals from Delhi, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir are at different stages of processing.

(c) 59,337 teachers and 1,993 social education workers have been sanctioned upto 30th November, 1954. The information regarding the number of teachers and workers actually appointed in each State has not yet been made available by all the States.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

NATIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

807. { **Shri Dabhi;**
Shri L. Jogeswar Singh;

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state the names, the languages and the authors of the plays that are proposed to be staged in Delhi during the National Drama Festival which is being held by the Delhi Natya Sangh under the auspices of the Sangeet Natak Akadami?

The Minister of **Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad)**: The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

RED FORT MUSEUM

808. **Shri Bahador Singh**: Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of visitors to the Red Fort Museum every month; and

(b) what was the gate money collected during the months of September, October and November, 1954?

The Minister of **Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad)**: (a) 36,551.

(b)

Month	Gate fees collected		
	Rs.	As.	Ps.
September, 1954.	3818—	6—	0
October, 1954.	5075—	14—	0
November 1954.	5613—	12—	0

FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

809. **Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay**: Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of capital invested in foreign banking and insurance concerns in India in the years 1947, 1950 and 1954; and

(b) the total number of such concerns in 1947 and their number at present?

The Minister of **Revenue and Civil Expenditure (Shri M. C. Shah)**: (a) Government have no information regarding the total amount of capital invested in foreign banking and insurance companies in 1947, 1950 and 1954. The Reserve Bank is at present conducting a Census of India's foreign assets and liabilities which when completed will show the position upto the end of 1953.

(b) the number of foreign banks working in India at the close of 1947 and in October 1954 was 15 and 14, respectively. In addition, at the end of 1947, there was one scheduled bank working in India, which was incorporated in Pakistan, and in October, 1954, two banks incorporated in Pakistan were working in India. The number of foreign insurance companies registered under the Insurance Act, 1938, was 110 on the 15th November, 1947 and 104 on the 15th November, 1954.

LUMINOUS OBJECT SIGHTED OVER CALCUTTA

810. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh**: Will the Minister of **Natural Resources and Scientific Research** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bright luminous object with a long tail was seen in the sky over Calcutta on the 31st October, 1954 from the control tower of Dum Dum Airport;

(b) whether the identity of the object has been found out; and