

Scheduled Tribes and will be included in his Report for the year 1954.

CENTRAL BUREAU OF TEXT BOOK RESEARCH

109. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Text Book Research set up at Delhi has research scholars conversant with the different languages which form the medium of instruction in the country; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that in text books, especially on Geography, in use in the current year, China is still referred to as the "land of famine"?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) The present staff of the Central Bureau of Text Book Research is conversant with the following languages:—

Hindi	Marhati
Urdu	Punjabi
Gujarati	English

(b) No such reference has been found in text Books on Geography and History that have been examined so far at the Bureau.

SANGEET NATAK AKADAMY

110. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the main activities of the Sangeet Natak Akadamy during 1954 so far; and

(b) the total amount spent during the same period?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 27.]

(b) A sum of Rs. 2,08,116/- has been spent from 1st January, 1954 to 30th September, 1954.

LOANS TO PUNJAB

112. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the amount that Government granted to the Punjab State by way of loan and grant for the development of roads during the last five years?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): The amounts given to Punjab for road development in the past five years are:—

Grant	Rs. 47.89 lakhs.
Loan	Nil.

EXCISE DUTY ON TOBACCO

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

(a) the amount of Excise Duty realised on tobacco from Punjab during the year 1953-54; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on the Excise Establishments of the State during 1953-54?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri A. C. Guha): (a) and (b). The excise duty on tobacco realised from the Punjab during 1953-54 amounted to Rs. 37.60 lakhs; the expenditure incurred on excise establishments during the same year was Rs. 6.84 lakhs.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

114. **Shri S. C. Singhal:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that admissions to Primary and Secondary schools in all the States have declined by about 10 per cent. this year; and

(b) the reason therefor?

The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): (a) and (b). The matter concerns the State Governments.