

**TAXATION ENQUIRY COMMISSION**

43. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury**: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state when the report of the Taxation Enquiry Commission would be published?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh)**: I hope to have it published in the next few days.

**DRAMATIC INSTITUTE IN WEST BENGAL**

44. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury**: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grants have been made to any Dramatic or Music Institution in West Bengal during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, their names and the amounts given to them?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad)**: (a) and (b). A grant of Rs. 5,000/- was given to the Children's Little Theatre, Calcutta.

**Ex-SERVICEMEN**

45. **Shri Karni Singhji**: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the ex-servicemen released from former Indian States Forces in Rajasthan and particularly in the Bikaner Division who have been provided with land, (in terms of bighas), both in irrigated and non-irrigated areas from 1st April, 1949 to 31st March 1954;

(b) the amount of money advanced to Rajasthan out of the sum earmarked for grants to the States for the purpose or rehabilitation of ex-servicemen; and

(c) how this money has been spent by the Rajasthan Government?

**The Minister of Defence (Dr. Katju)**: (a) and (c). The information has been called for from the Government of Rajasthan and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it becomes available.

(b) Rs. 1,38,500/-.

46. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy**: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1091 on the 13th December, 1954 and state whether actual work for exploiting the coal-deposits in Singrauli-Kota area in Mirzapur District (U.P.) has started?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya)**: Exploitation of minerals is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Government of Uttar Pradesh have stated that actual work of exploitation of the coal deposits in question has not yet started and that the matter is still under consideration.

**FOREIGN INVESTMENT**

47. **Shri D. C. Sharma**: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the amount of foreign capital invested in Tea industry in India; and

(b) the amount of profits remitted out of India in the years 1952, 1953 and 1954 on that account?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh)**: (a) According to the Census of India's Foreign Liabilities and Assets published by the Reserve Bank in 1950, the total foreign investment in the tea industry amounted to Rs. 51.60 crores as on the 30th June, 1948. Figures subsequent to this date are not yet available. The Reserve Bank has, at present, on hand a survey of foreign investments

in the country, which when completed, will show the position as on the 31st December, 1953.

(b) The amount of profits remitted by concerns in the tea industry during the years 1952 and 1953 and the eleven months, January to November, 1954, was Rs. 1.15 crores, Rs. 2.29 crores and Rs. 4.34 crores, respectively. These figures cover the remittances of profits and dividends made by the branches and subsidiaries of foreign companies.

#### ORDNANCE FACTORIES

48. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the percentage of the total capacity of Ordnance Factories lying idle at the end of 1952 and what it is now?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Satish Chandra):** It is rather difficult to indicate idle capacity as a percentage. However, necessary information is being collected with a view to giving a rough idea of the extent of idle capacity.

#### TAXATION ENQUIRY COMMISSION

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

(a) whether the report of the Taxation Enquiry Committee has been examined by Government; and

(b) if not, how long it will take for Government to examine it?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh):** (a) and (b). The hon. Member had better await my Budget Speech on the 28th February, 1955.

#### SHIFTING OF WESTERN COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

50. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the expenditure that will be involved in the move of the Western Command Headquarters to Simla?

**The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia):** The cost of the move of Western Command to Simla

will be of the order of Rs. 47 lakhs as against the probable cost of locating it in Delhi Cantonment on a permanent basis which would have approximately come to Rs. 179 lakhs.

#### VERMICULITE

51. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vermiculite has been discovered in some States in India:

(b) if so, the names of those States;

(c) whether any institute has examined the discovered vermiculite;

(d) if so, how it compares with the foreign material;

(e) the purposes for which vermiculites can be safely utilised in our country; and

(f) how exfoliated vermiculite can also be used?

**The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) to (f). A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix II, Annexure No. 21.]

#### TRIBAL POPULATION

52. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) how far the Anthropological Department has dealt with the racial components of the tribal population of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that appreciable differences in somatic characters are not present among the majority of the tribes in India except the Mangoloid groups; and

(c) the causes of hereditary variability?

**The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad):** (a) Along with the study of Social and Cultural patterns, the Department of Anthropology has also been examining the physical appearance and genetic composition of the tribal groups under investigation.