

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.