

(b) if so, the nature thereof ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das):

(a) and (b). No. Sir, Government have not formulated any special scheme for educational advancement of persons other than Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Income Tax

*1286. **Shri M. Islamuddin:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of income-tax realised from Purnea District (Bihar) during the year 1954-55 ; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on the income-tax establishments of the district during the same period ?

The Minister of Revenue and Civil Expenditure (Shri M. C. Shah): (a) The amount of income-tax realised from Purnea District (Bihar) during the year 1954-55 was Rs. 6,45,630/- (Six lakhs forty-five thousand six hundred and thirty)

(b) The expenditure incurred on the income-tax establishments of the district during the same period was Rs. 30,926/- (Thirty thousand nine hundred and twenty-six).

चांदी का चोरी-छिपे लाना ले जाना

*१२८७. **श्री जगिन्द्र सिंह:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान रुपये के प्रचलन के फलस्वरूप इस देश में कुछ पाकिस्तानी चोरी-छिपे चांदी लाने हुये पकड़े गये हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो अब तक इस प्रकार के कितने मामलों का सरकार पता लगा सकी है ?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha):

(a) and (b). Three cases of silver smuggling from Pakistan involving three Pakistanis, one in each case, have been detected after the devaluation of the Pakistan rupee, but there appears to be no connection, Sir, between the devaluation and these cases. On the contrary, the devaluation has rather reduced the incentive for the smuggling of silver from Pakistan into India.

Geological Survey

*1291. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state the number of places in Bihar where survey was under-

taken to discover deposits of coal, manganese and other valuable minerals during the period April, 1953 to March, 1955 ?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 36].

Higher Education in Geology

*1294. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officers sent abroad for higher studies in Geology since 1952-53 ; and

(b) how many of them availed of foreign scholarships ?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 37].

National Savings Certificates

*1300. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the amount invested during the year 1954-55 in the National Savings Certificates ?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha): Net investments in the National Savings Certificates during 1954-55 amounts to about Rs. 19.7 crores.

Missionaries

669. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the number of foreign missionaries with their nationalities who were detained in India under the Preventive Detention Act in the years 1953, 1954 and upto the end of July 1955 ?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): According to the information available, the number is 'Nil'.

केन्द्रीय सड़क गवेषणा संस्था

६७०. { श्री नवल प्रभाकर :
श्री रामा शंकर लाल :

क्या प्राकृतिक संसाधन और वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा मंत्री यह बतान की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सड़क गवेषणा संस्था ने सस्ती सड़कें बनाने के लिये नई रीति निकाली है; और