

should not ordinarily be more than 40 years of age, and should be sponsored by Universities, or Central or State Governments. The candidates should also be prepared to serve the sponsoring authorities for at least three years after their return.

Permits for Jammu and Kashmir

235. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the number of persons who applied for permits for entry into the Jammu and Kashmir State from the 1st April to the 15th November, 1955?

The Minister of Defence (Dr. Katju): From the 1st April to the 15th November, 1955, the number of persons who applied to the Ministry of Defence for permits for entry into the Jammu and Kashmir State was 12,943. Information regarding the number of applications received by the State Governments is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Multi-purpose Schools

236. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1938 on the 20th September, 1955, and state the total amount spent on

conversion of secondary schools into Multi-purpose schools during 1955-56 State-wise?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): The information will have to be collected from the States and will not be available before the end of the current financial year.

Social Welfare Projects in Punjab

237. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rural Social Welfare Projects started in the Punjab, so far;

(b) the number of places and total villages covered by these projects; and

(c) the amount to be spent on these projects during this year?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) 9.

(b) 25 centres covering 164 villages.

(c) 2.90 lakhs.