

Manipur State to search for mass burial grounds of Japanese soldiers killed in the last War; and

(b) whether the Commission collected the bones of the soldiers for ceremonial burial in Japan?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). Government had permitted the Japanese Government to send to Imphal a party from Japan to hold simple mourning ceremonies at Imphal for Japanese soldiers who died in this area during the last war. The party visited Imphal, held religious ceremonies on the 4th of March 1956 and left Imphal by air on the 6th.

INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE

431. Shri Velayudhan: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of persons from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes recruited for the Foreign Service in the years 1954 and 1955?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): Nil. There was no candidate from these classes in the panel of names recommended by the U.P.S.C.

INFORMATION OFFICERS

432. Shri Velayudhan: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Information Officers and Assistant Information Officers directly recruited in 1954 and 1955; and

(b) the number of Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes amongst them?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Direct recruitment to 5 posts in the grade of Information Officer in the Press Information Bureau was made

in 1954 and to 9 posts in 1955. Corresponding figures for the post of Assistant Information Officer are 16 and 5 respectively. These recruitments were made through Union Public Service Commission. Preference for Scheduled Caste/Tribe candidates was prescribed in the requisitions submitted to the Union Public Service Commission for 8 posts of Information Officer and eleven of Assistant Information Officer during these two years.

(b) Nil.

STEEL SUPPLY

433. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of steel indented for by the Shutter Manufacturing Factory, Tungabhadra Dam, during the calendar year, 1955;

(b) the quantity actually made available to them during the above period; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the allocation of steel for 1956?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) 1954 tons.

(b) 853 tons.

(c) No, Sir.

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

434. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fairs and exhibitions held abroad in which India participated during the First Five Year Plan (year-wise);

(b) the Indian exhibits that gained popularity in those fairs;

(c) whether such popular items have been kept for sale in the show-rooms of our embassies abroad;

(d) if so, where; and

(c) whether any foreign agencies have also been engaged?.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): A statement is attached. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 40.]

BHARAT SEWAK SAMAJ

435. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of money spent on local development programme through the agency of Bharat Sewak Samaj in the year 1955, State-wise;

(b) the number and the nature of the schemes covered by it; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent in 1956-57 through this agency?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) to (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 41.]

(c) The question has yet to be considered.

BHARAT SEWAK SAMAJ

436. Shri H. G. Vaishnav: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent in Hyderabad State in the years 1954 and 1955 for the local development works through the Agency of Bharat Sewak Samaj; and

(b) the total number of schemes worked out in that State during these years?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) In so far as centrally approved local works are concerned, the reply is in the negative.

(b) Does not arise.

INTERNATIONAL PASSPORTS

**437. { Shri R. G. Gupta :
Sardar Iqbal Singh :**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have applied for International Passports in 1955 and 1956 so far; and

(b) the number of persons who have been given passports?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). We have no information for the period during which the State Governments continued to issue passports. The position since the Regional Passport Offices under the Centre were opened, however, is as follows:—

28-10-54 (when the first Regional Office was opened) to 31-12-55.

Total number of passport applications received	45,592
Total number of passports granted	33,783
1-1-56 to 31-1-56	
Total number of passport applications received	2,703
Total number of passports granted	2,626

RESIDENTIAL EVACUEE PROPERTIES

438. Dr. Satyawadi: Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to State:

(a) the number of the residential evacuee properties sold by auction or otherwise in the State of Delhi so far; and

(b) the estimated value and the actual prices of these properties received?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri J. K. Bhonsle): (a) The number of evacuee properties (both residential and business) which have been sold in Delhi by public auction upto 29th February, 1956 is 1,230.

(b) The estimated value of the properties is Rs. 3,10,28,155. These have been sold for Rs. 3,88,63,395.