

FIRE ARMS

1445. Chaudhuri Muhammed Shaf-fee: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the number of fire arms, *i.e.*, "revolvers and rifles" for which licences were cancelled by Government from the 1st September, 1955 to the 31st March, 1956?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): A statement showing the requisite information in respect of the States from which replies have so far been received is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix X, annexure No. 19.]

Information in respect of other States will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

PERMITS FOR JAMMU AND KASHMIR

1446. Shri D. C. Sharma: 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 December, 1955 to the end of February, 1956?

The Minister of Defence Organisation (Shri Tyagi): 35,498 excluding Bihar figures which have not yet been received.

MANGANESE ORE

1447. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury: Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state the total output of manganese ore in India during 1955 as compared to the total output in 1954?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): The total output of Manganese Ore during the year 1954 was 14,13,068 tons. The production during the year 1955 is estimated as 15,20,316 tons, the figure being provisional as final returns for all mines have not yet been received.

URBAN WELFARE FAMILY PROJECTS

1448. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where Urban

Welfare Family Projects have been opened so far; and

(b) a brief account of the progress made?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Delhi, Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Poona.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DEPARTMENT FOR PUNJAB AND PEPSU

**1449. } Sardar Iqbal Singh:
} Sardar Akarpuri:
} Shri Ram Krishan:**

Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state whether any financial aid and technical co-operation is being extended to the Punjab and Pepsu Governments for establishing an independent Geological Survey Department for the States?

The Minister of Natural Resources (Shri K. D. Malaviya): No, Sir. The only proposal was a request from the Pepsu Government to the Planning Commission for allocation of a sum of Rs. 2.14 lakhs for expenditure on purchase of equipment to be hired to owners of small mines and quarries on a no-profit-no-loss basis, and for providing some staff. This has been agreed to in full. No financial aid or technical co-operation has been asked for or offered to the Punjab and Pepsu Governments for an independent Geological Survey Department. The Geological Survey of India will carry out exploration in these areas as in others.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

1450. Chaudhuri Muhammed Shaf-fee: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government employees, State-wise in India, who opted for India, before partition, but were not allowed to continue their services in India;