

Timber for Railway Coaches

724. { Shri T. B. Vittal Rao :
Shri Gidwani :
Shri Gadilingama Gowd. :

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received complaints regarding alleged supply and acceptance of low quality timber for coach manufacturing in the railways; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar) : (a) Yes.

(b) Investigation by the Special Police Establishment is now in progress. It will be against the public interest to disclose any details at this stage.

Decimal Coinage

725. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the steps Government have taken to produce adequate stocks of new types of small coins under the decimal coinage system ?

The Minister of Finance and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) : The three mints of the Government of India have been put on work at their full capacity on a 54 hour week. The combined output of the Mints is approximately 80 million pieces of coins a month.

It is not possible at this stage to estimate what the possible demand from the public may be for such coins and whether the quantities made available will be adequate to meet all the demands but in any case no inconvenience to the public is likely to arise in view of the fact that the existing coins will continue to be legal tender, along with the new decimal coins, for a period of at least three years from 1st April, 1957.

Defence Services Delegation to China

726. { Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :
Shri Bibhuti Mishra :

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Defence Services Delegation headed by Lt. General J. N. Chaudhury visited China in October, 1956; and

(b) if so, object of the visit ?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sarder Majithia) : (a) Yes.

(b) It was a goodwill visit undertaken at the invitation of the Chinese Government.

New Gold Mine in Mysore

727. Shri Jhulan Sinha : Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state whether it is a fact that another Gold Mine has been found to exist in Mysore near the Kolar Gold Fields ?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall) : No, Sir.

Basic Education Assessment Committee

728. { Shri D. C. Sharma :
Shri Bibhuti Mishra :

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the recommendations of the Basic Education Assessment Committee which have been implemented so far ?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 139]

Indo-Pakistan Financial Issues

729. { Shri D. C. Sharma :
Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :
Shri Ramachandra Reddi :
Shri Amar Singh Damar :

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 392, on the 3rd August, 1956, and state :

(a) whether any date has since been fixed for the meeting of the Finance Ministers of India and Pakistan to resolve the outstanding financial issues between India and Pakistan ; and

(b) if so, what is that date ?

The Minister of Finance and Iron and Steel (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

All-India Council For Secondary Education

730. Shri D. C. Sharma : Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to replies given to Starred Question No. 689 on the 9th December, 1955 and Unstarred Question No. 2096 on the 16th

May, 1956 and lay a statement showing the action taken by Government on the recommendations made by the All India Council for Secondary Education at its first and second meetings?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No. 140].

Multi-purpose Schools in Punjab

731. **Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Multi-Purpose Schools established during the First Five Year Plan period in the Punjab State; and

(b) the amount of grant given to the Punjab during the First Five Year Plan period and the amount to be given during the Second Five Year Plan period separately for converting Secondary Schools into Multi-purpose Schools?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : (a) Thirty Five High Schools were selected for conversion into the Multi-purpose type, but these have not yet actually started functioning.

(b) (i) First Five Year Plan—Rs. 48,61,857.

(ii) Second Five Year Plan—Rs. 2,54,71,000.

Khadi

732. **Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of *Khadi* purchased by each of the Units i.e. Army, Navy and Air Force during 1955 and 1956 so far;

(b) the purposes for which it was purchased; and

(c) the quantity and the value of non-*khadi* cloth purchased during these years and for what purpose?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia) : (a) 1955-56

	Quantity (Yards)	Cost (Rs.)
Army	Nil	Nil
Air Force	Nil	Nil
Navy	63,805	40,322

1956-57

Army	3,681	5,400
Air Force	Nil	Nil
Navy	Nil	Nil

(b) For the manufacture of Napkins and for cleaning purposes.

	Quantity (Yards)	Cost (Rs.)
(c) 1955-56		
Army	94,74,532	1,89,59,017
Air Force	56,027	2,62,173
Navy	7,13,538	14,32,612
1956-57 (up to Oct/Nov. 1956)		
Army	62,33,847	1,44,84,123
Air Force	76,800	2,16,974
Navy	15,826	17,567

Purpose : Purchased for manufacture of uniforms, clothing equipment etc., for the Services.

Cultural Delegations

733. { **Shri D. C. Sharma :**
Shri Ram Krishan :
Shri R. P. Garg :

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the number of Cultural Delegations received in India during 1956 so far;

(b) the number of cultural pacts concluded with foreign countries during the same period and their nature; and

(c) the amount of expenditure incurred by Government on these Delegations?

The Deputy Minister for Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 141].

UNESCO Committees

734. **Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state the number of Committees of the UNESCO in which Indian delegates have participated during the year 1956 so far?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. M. M. Das) : Fifteen.

University Grants Commission

735. **Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the main activities of the University Grants Commission during 1956-57 so far; and

(b) the amounts sanctioned by it to the various Universities during the same period?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall) : (a) and (b). The Hon'ble member should await the statutory report prescribed in Section 18 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

Welfare Extension Projects in Punjab

736. **Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether the Punjab State Social Welfare Advisory Board has launched any Welfare Extension Project in the Scheduled areas of the State?