

Post-Graduate Scholarships in Manipur

630. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions for the grant of scholarships to post-graduate students by Manipur Administration; and

(b) whether these conditions were fulfilled in the award of scholarships to post-graduate students under Manipur Chief Commissioner's Order dated the 8th November, 1956?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Shri M. M. Das): Information has been called for from the Chief Commissioner, Manipur Government and will be laid on the Table of Lok Sabha in due course.

Private Schools in Manipur

631. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state the conditions for giving grant-in-aid to private schools in Manipur?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 12].

Primary Schools in Manipur

632. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 25 Government primary schools in the territory of Manipur without any building and furniture;

(b) whether there have been complaints about the lack of facilities for buildings and equipment from the school teachers and the public in the hills and valley of Manipur; and

(c) the steps that are being taken to maintain the minimum necessary standard in these schools?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Such complaints are received occasionally.

(c) Efforts are continuously made to maintain minimum standard.

Bull-Dozer Drivers

633. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1040 on the 18th December, 1956 by the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply and state the present position of the proposal for increasing the pay of the bull-dozer drivers in the Public Works Department of Manipur?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The general question about the revision of pay scales of Drivers (including bulldozer drivers) serving in various Departments of Manipur Administration is still under consideration.

Smuggling in Manipur

634. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) what kind of articles are smuggled out of Manipur;

(b) the amount of articles seized by the Manipur police and land customs department in Manipur during the last one year; and

(c) the action Government have taken to check this smuggling?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) As far as Government are aware small quantities of articles like sugar, batteries, biscuits, textiles and cigarettes are smuggled out of Manipur to Burma, the only foreign territory adjoining that State.

(b) The amount of articles seized in Manipur during the last one year (from 1st July 1956 to 30th June 1957) is Rs. 2,700 by the land customs