

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: The Government has got all the data; it has already taken steps to increase the pay scales of primary school teachers.

Shri Ranga: Does the Government propose to give representation to the State organisations of teachers in this Council?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: No, Sir. I am saying this offhand. No representation has been given to any organisation as such. There may be State representatives.

Boys' Regiment

*226. **Shri P. G. Deb:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state whether the Government of India has any proposal to start a Boys' Regiment in all the States of India?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): No, Sir.

Shri P. G. Deb: May I know how far training is given to the boys under the NCC scheme and Territorial Army on regular army lines?

Shri Raghuramaiah: That does not relate to this question.

Private Coal Washeries

*227. **Matin, Shri:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to encourage the setting up of private coal washeries?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): In the middle of 1955 the Government of India examined, in consultation with the Planning Commission and representatives of the private industry, the possibility of setting up washeries to wash metallurgical coals for the steel plants. As a result of this, offers were received from six firms. These were examined and it was found that only two of them were for washing coals which could be used in the steel plants. Further technical examination showed that the particular coals proposed to be washed were of the

highest grades and it would have made the problem of washing the other grades of coals more difficult. It became clear that, if coals were to be washed effectively and from the point of view of conservation, it was necessary to have large central washeries where coals of different grades could be washed and blended. Such washeries, drawing coals from various collieries, cannot obviously be put up by private industry. The Government of India are, therefore, not pursuing this matter further.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the fear of nationalisation on the part of private colliery owners stands in the way of the establishment of such washeries?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I do not think that they are afraid on that score.

Shri Barman: May I know whether the Government has started its own washeries for the purpose of conservation of high grade coal?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I have said so in my reply.

Ministry of Defence Security Corps

*228. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the actual expenditure per year incurred on Ministry of Defence Security Corps personnel attached to various defence installations; and

(b) whether this expenditure is also counted towards the overhead charges in the matter of production in Ordnance factories?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) Rs. 105 lakhs approximately in 1955-56.

(b) Yes, Sir. The overhead charges on account of M.D.S.C. attached to Ordnance factories are included in the production cost as fixed charges, which figure in the maximum cost of pro-