

their exemption was received by the Director of Education, Delhi;

(d) if so, the action taken in each case; and

(e) whether the recommendations of the Sub-Committee of the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Delhi, have been accepted by Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 17.

(c) Information regarding their appointment was received but applications for exemptions were received in the case of eight persons only.

(d) The cases are under consideration

(e) The sub-committee was appoint-

ed by the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Delhi and its recommendations were accepted *mutatis mutandis* by the Board. The question of acceptance of these recommendations by the Government does not arise.

Purchase of Ghee

855. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of ghee purchased by the Ministry, and its cost during 1947 to 1952, year-wise;

(b) the quantity of Vanaspati purchased by the Ministry and its cost during 1947 to 1952, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for which ghee supply to the Armed forces was given up?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a)

Year	Quantity purchased	Cost in rupees
1947-48	5306 tons	2,84,01,256
1948-49	4168 tons 504 lbs	1,77,11,027
1949-50	3912 tons 2037 lbs	1,96,78,968
1950-51	1041 tons	55,25,628
1951-52	Nil	Nil

(b) Year	Quantity purchased	Cost in rupees
1947-48	5549 tons 1853 lbs	1,08,43,595
1948-49	5442 tons	1,02,64,900
1949-50	6179 tons	1,34,44,213
1950-51	7907 tons	2,05,64,097
1951-52	8318 tons 1120 lbs	2,21,37,607

(c) (i) Non-availability in the market of milk ghee of the quality acceptable to the Defence Services in sufficient quantity.

(ii) Incidentally, to effect a saving in the Defence Budget.

State Bank of India

856. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the number of branches of the State Bank of India opened in the tea growing areas of the country upto the end of June, 1957?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): Since the establishment of the State Bank of India five

branches have been opened in the tea growing areas of the country upto the end of June, 1957 at the following centres.—

- 1 Silchar
- 2 Nowgong
- 3 Cooch Behar
- 4 Gauhati
- 5 Coonoor.

Corruption Cases

858. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Damani:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state: