

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): A statement is laid on the Table [See Appendix I, annexure No 108].

Crime Situation in Manipur

243. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the reasons for the increase in the number of crime cases in the Union Territory of Manipur during the year 1956?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): The number of criminal cases reported during the year 1956 shows some increase over the figures for 1955. This does not, necessarily indicate an increase in the incidence of crime, but is due to the more effective enforcement of law in consequence of the establishment of more police stations and the extension of the Criminal Procedure Code to the hill areas of the Territory.

Regional Committee for Telengana

244. Shri Heda: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state—

(a) whether and if so, when the first meeting of the Regional Committee for Telengana was held;

(b) if so, what business was transacted at that meeting; and

(c) if no meeting was held, reasons for delay?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) Not yet

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Final proposals of the State Government regarding matters mentioned in Article 371(1) of the Constitution are awaited.

Economy Unit in Finance Ministry

245. Shri Heda: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Economy Unit in the Ministry of Finance is being expanded; and

(b) if so, what additional expenditure is budgeted for the expansion of the Economy Unit?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) No immediate expansion of the Economy Unit is contemplated pending an assessment of the efforts of the Economy Boards which have just started functioning in the several Ministries.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of Literacy

246. { Shri Supakar:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:

Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of money granted by the Government of India to different States for promotion of literacy during the First Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether any statistics about the progress of literacy during the First Five Year Plan are available, and

(c) if so, the percentage of its increase?

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

(b) and (c) Information is being collected from the State Governments.

Buddhist Relics in Orissa

247. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for preserving the Buddhist relics found in Lalitgiri in the district of Cuttack in Orissa; and

(b) the amount of money sanctioned in 1956-57 for preserving important Buddhist relics looked after by the Centre in different parts of Orissa State?