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

345. 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 expanditure 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 Indua 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. Shrimali): (a) Nil.

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

Buddhist Relics in Oriesa

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 Lalitgeri m 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? The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) A chowkidar has been posted to look after the sculptures found at the site . and it is proposed to construct during the current financial year a sculptureshed at the site to house the loose sculptures at present lying scattered. After the shed is completed the finds will be chemically treated and housed in the shed.

(b) Rs. 3,410/-

Boarding Houses for Tribal Students

246. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of boarding houses for tribal students run by Government as well as by private bodies at Agartala, Tripura;

(b) the number of students admitted in each of these boarding houses;

(c) whether compensation or aid has been given to students of the Government-run tribal boarding house of Agartala which was destroyed completely by fire recently; and

(d) whether Government propose to aid the privately-run tribal boarding houses pending extension of Government accommodation facilities for tribal students?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) 4; One run by Government and three run by private organisations.

(b) Run by Government: Umakanta Academy 55

Run by private organisations:

1. St. Pauls' Mission1292. Abhoy Nagar343. Patel Boarding House16(c) Yes, Sir.(d) Yes, Sir.

Primary Schools in Tribura

249. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petitions received by Tripura Administration from primary schools for (i) taking up of privately-run Schools by Government,
(ii) granting of financial aid to privately-run schools and (iii) up-grading of Government primary schools; and

(b) the action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) (i) 20.

(ii) 27 Primary Schools and 2 Special Schools

(iii) 6.

(b) The matter is under consideration

Students in Primary Schools in Tripura

250. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who studied in Government primary schools in Tripura in the years 1962-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1968-57;

(b) the reasons for decrease, if any, in the number; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No. 109].