

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. No regular allotment was made in period II/57 on account of the heavy outstandings on the Main Producers against past allotments and shrinking supplies from imports. Ad-hoc allotments were, however, made for important Industries and foundries with outstanding indents for less than 3 months requirements.

(c) 88,821 tons.

(d) Rs. 337 c.i.f. Indian ports per metric ton.

(e) About 200,000 tons.

(f) No appreciable repercussion is expected.

### Education of the Handicapped

\*1358. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the National Advisory Council for the Education of the Handicapped regarding establishment of Special Employment Offices, special schools for the handicapped; and

(b) if so, the nature of decision taken?

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

(b) Does not arise.

### Balance of Payments

\*1359. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of India's balance of payments with West Germany; and

(b) in case it is adverse the steps that are being taken to meet it?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) During January-March 1957, the last quarter for which

balance of payments statistics are available, there was a deficit of Rs. 21.4 crores on current account with West Germany.

(b) Steps taken recently to restrict imports and promote exports are likely to mitigate the adverse balance.

### बुनियादी और प्रचलित शिक्षा

\*१३६०. श्री प्र० प्र० सिंह : क्या शिक्षा और वैज्ञानिक प्रवेशना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने बुनियादी शिक्षा के विभिन्न प्रकर्मों को कोई मात्बता दी है ताकि उन्हें प्रचलित शिक्षा के समकक्ष माना जा सके; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह बात भारत सरकार तथा राज्य सरकारों के मंत्रालयों के ध्यान में लाई गई है।

शिक्षा और वैज्ञानिक प्रवेशना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० का० ला० भं.साही) (क) और (ख). एक विवरण सत्रा पटल पर रक्त दिया गया है। [देखिये परिशिष्ट, ४, अनुबन्ध सख्या ७]

### Utkal University Scheme

\*1361. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 410 on the 26th November, 1956 in respect of the Utkal University Scheme and state:

(a) whether the visiting Commission of the University Grants Commission have since made any recommendations on the schemes referred to it for examination and report; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether they have been accepted by Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No- 8]