

Tribal Culture and Literature

1051. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state whether any arrangements have been made by the Sangeet Natak Akadami and the All India Radio for the development of the tribal culture and literature at the All India and the State levels?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): As far as the Sangeet Natak Akadami is concerned, it has been indirectly contributing to the development of tribal culture and literature by arranging folk dance festivals, programmes of folk-music and by giving financial assistance to cultural organisations for recording and conducting surveys of tribal dance and music.

Backward Classes Commission Report

1052. **Shri Rajagopala Rao:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the number of Class I, II and III appointments made in the Central Secretariat during each of the two years 1955-56 and 1956-57 and how many of them belong to (i) Scheduled Castes; (ii) Scheduled Tribes and (iii) Other Backward Classes?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): A statement showing the total number of appointments made during the calendar year 1955 and how many of those appointments were from among members of the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 13.]

Similar figures for the calendar year 1956 are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House. Other backward classes are not eligible at present for special representation in posts and services under the Government of India.

Smuggling via Desert of Kutch

1053. **Shri M. B. Thakore:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Pakistani nationals have migrated to India through the desert of Kutch and brought smuggled gold into Saurashtra and other parts of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, what Government propose to do to avoid smuggling from Pakistan through Kutch desert?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) It is a fact that some Pakistani nationals have attempted to migrate into India through the desert of Kutch, but no cases of smuggling of gold by such nationals have been reported.

(b) Various and progressively intensive steps are being taken by the Government of India to combat smuggling.

Loans to States

1054. **Shri Rajagopala Rao:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts drawn by each of the States as loans towards capital expenditure;

(b) the rate of interest charged and the conditions of repayment;

(c) how many States have been paying the interest regularly; and

(d) whether there is any request from any of the States to add the interest to the capital account till the capital projects would begin to yield income?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Most of the loans granted to State Governments are for capital expenditure. A statement showing the loans made during the last three years by major categories is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 14.]