

### Copper and Asbestos in Andhra

517. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan of pilot drilling operations for copper and asbestos in Andhra area proposed by the Indian Bureau of Mines has been stayed; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The reason is the higher priority accorded to the copper deposits of Khetri and Daribo, which are considered to be the more promising prospects. The Indian Bureau of Mines, with its very limited resources, has of necessity to work to an order of priority and has decided to take up the exploitation of the asbestos deposits of Andhra in the latter half of the Plan period.

### Finance Commission's Report

518. { Shri Narasimhan:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state when the Second Finance Commission's Report will be placed on the Table.

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): The Report of the Commission was placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha on the 14th November, 1957.

### Himachal Pradesh Employees

519. **Dr. Y. S. Parmar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the employees of the erstwhile Administration of Himachal Pradesh affected by the State Reorganisation Act have not been absorbed nor their seniorities fixed so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): Of the staff rendered surplus in

Himachal Pradesh on the reorganisation of the States, thirty-six have been absorbed in regular posts in the cadres and the remaining 15 persons have been retained by creating supernumerary posts. The seniority of the staff is also being fixed up

### Freight Charges

520. **Shri Bimal Ghose:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the total freight bills on our export and import cargoes for 1954, 1955 and 1956?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

Total freight bill.	
Year	(Rs. in crores).
1954	63
1955	80
1956	91*

(\*This figure is provisional).

### Samyukta Maharashtra agitation and Government Servants

521. **Shri Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Satyagrahis who took part in the Samyukta Maharashtra agitation and anti-increase of prices of foodgrains are being refused service by Central Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): No.

### Aerodrome at Pathankot

522. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to construct an aerodrome or a runway cement track near the Pathankot town; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) No. An airfield already exists at Pathankot.

(b) Does not arise.