

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Tribhuvan Rajpath is for the present maintained by the Central Public Works Department of the Government of India as a part of the Indian Aid Programme in Nepal. The estimated cost of maintenance is as follows:—

(i) Rs. 14 lakhs non-recurring.

(ii) Rs. 18 lakhs recurring.

Anthropological Research in Punjab

3108. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any field investigation for anthropological research has been undertaken in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fire in Manipur

3109. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 147 houses in the Ukrul sub-divisional headquarters of Manipur have been destroyed by fire in the last week of March, 1958;

(b) if so, the total value of property destroyed by the fire; and

(c) the measures adopted to check any future outbreak of fire in the headquarters and adjoining villages?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) An accidental fire broke out in the early hours of the 28th March, 1958 in a house in Ukrul village. Due to a strong wind, the fire spread rapidly destroying 148 houses and a church.

(b) The families affected by the fire have reported a total loss of property valued at Rs. 2,10,000. It has not yet been possible to verify these claims.

(c) while it is not possible to prevent such accidental fires completely or to engage fire-fighting units to fight fires in such remote villages, the Manipur Administration are taking steps to intensify propaganda with a view to familiarising villagers with the methods of preventing and fighting such fires. In order to organise fire service work properly, local officers are also being given training in the National Fire Service College and the Central Emergency Relief Training Institute at Nagpur.

Technical Training

3110. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been finalised to step up the schedule for technical training;

(b) if so, their nature;

(c) what proposals relating to general educational development are being dropped or postponed to provide funds for expansion of technical training; and

(d) what co-operation Government have received from private agencies for the expansion of technical training?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). The expansion of existing technical institutions and establishment of new institutions have already been undertaken to meet in full the requirements of the current Plan as estimated by the Engineering Personnel Committee. It is expected that by 1960-61, the provision will be of the order of 11,000 seats for degree courses and 20,000 seats for diploma courses in engineering and technology.

A special scheme for the establishment of additional technical institutions to meet in part the requirements of the third and subsequent plans has also been formulated. When the scheme is implemented the provision will increase to about 13,000 seats for degree courses and 25,000 seats for diploma courses.

(e) No scheme of general education has been dropped to provide additional funds for the expansion of technical education. The plan allocation for some of the schemes has, however, been revised.

(d) Private agencies have so far established, with assistance from the Central Government and State Governments, six engineering colleges and nine polytechnics during the current plan period.

Private agencies have also come forward with proposals for the establishment of six additional colleges and nine polytechnics, which have been approved in principle by the All India Council for Technical Education.

Urban Social Welfare Centres

3111. **Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Urban Social Welfare Centres to be opened during the Second Five Year Plan period;

(b) the number of these centres opened in the last two years, State-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the trades for which they have been opened?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) to (c). The necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

माण्डू का किला

३११२. श्री डामर : क्या वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा तथा सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा धार जिले (मध्य प्रदेश) में स्थित माण्डू के किले में कोई मरम्मत की जाने वाली है; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो प्रस्तावित कार्य का व्योरा क्या है तथा इस प्रयोजन के लिये कितनी राशि मंजूर की गई है ?

वैज्ञानिक गवेषणा तथा सांस्कृतिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री. हमासू कबेर) : (क) और (ख). सूचना जमा की जा रही है और सभा की भेज पर रख दी जायेगी।

पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रजन

३११३. श्री डामर : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि विगत दो वर्षों में भारत आये पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्र-जनों में से कितने ऐसे हैं जो बीमा की अवधि समाप्त हो जाने के बाद भारत में रह रहे हैं ?

गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री दातार) : सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और दशासमय में वह सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायगी।

Anthropological Investigation in Manipur

3114. **Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to page 113 of the Annual Report (1957-58) of the Ministry and state:

(a) what are the languages referred to in the Report as Kuki-Chin languages in Manipur for which field investigation for anthropological research was undertaken; and

(b) whether any investigation into the origin, languages and characteristics of the tribes living in the hills