

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Makaviya): (a) Yes, Sir. During 1955, a traverse survey was made by the Geological Survey of India.

(b) The minerals reported to occur are building stones and bauxite.

Orderlies and Batmen

800. Shri M. Elias: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) what are the functions of a soldier detailed as a batman or an orderly;

(b) how many batmen are posted to an Officer;

(c) who pays them;

(d) the number of soldiers who are working at present as Personal Batmen in India;

(e) whether it is a fact that these soldiers are sometimes called upon by Officers to do such jobs for them and their families which they are not supposed to do; and

(f) the number of such complaints received from these soldier-batmen during 1957?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (Shri Fatesingh Rao Gaekwad): (a) In addition to his normal soldiering duties, a batman acts as a personal attendant to the officer. He is required to do for the officer such odd jobs as running errands, maintenance and upkeep of the officer's uniform, equipment and arms. He also looks after the officer's personal belongings.

(b) Batmen are authorised only for units serving in operational areas and the scale is one batman each for an officer, a Nursing Officer or a Junior Commissioned Officer and one for every two Nursing Cadets.

(c) Soldiers acting as batmen receive their normal pay and allowances from Government. The Government, however, recovers the follow-

ing amounts from the officers concerned for the services rendered by the batmen:

Officers	Rs. 30/- p.m.
Nursing Officers/Cadets	Rs. 7.50 p.m.

No recoveries on this account are made from the Junior Commissioned Officers.

(d) It is not be desirable in the Public interest to give this information.

(e) No such instance has been brought to the notice of Government. Instructions, however, exist prohibiting employment of batmen on what are termed menial household or other such duties.

(f) Does not arise.

Economy in Use of Cement

801. Shri M. Elias: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the extent of economy effected in the use of cement in the Defence Ministry constructions during the Second Five Year Plan period?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence (Shri Fatesingh Rao Gaekwad): The recommendations of the Cement Economy Committee appointed in 1956 by the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply, have been adopted by the Military Engineer Services in so far as they are applicable to Defence works. This has resulted in considerable reduction in the requirements of cement. It is, however, not possible to give a definite figure about the economy effected.

Research Centres

802. Shri Wodeyar: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state the number of Foreign Scientists working in the Government of India Research Centres, actively engaged in Research work?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. M. M. Das): 47.