

Ex-Rulers' Forts

1001. **Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) how many forts of the ex-rulers of States are looked after by the Government of India; and

(b) whether requests have been received from some ex-rulers to take over their forts, since it is not possible for them to look after them?

The Minister of State in Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) 35.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Indian Students Abroad

1002. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian students who are studying abroad country-wise; and

(b) the facilities given to them by the Government of India?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b). A statement giving the latest available information is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 80]

Re-rolling Mills

1003. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Government of India from State Governments for the grant of licences to open re-rolling mills during the year 1957-58 State-wise; and

(b) how many licences have been granted during the above period, State-wise; and

(c) the names of the places where they will be set up?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) 665 applications have been received in response to the Press Note issued by Government on the 11th April, 1956, for setting up of new units. A statement showing the applications received State-wise is attached. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 81.]

The last date for receipt of such applications was the 15th June, 1956.

(b) Only one licence for setting up a cold rolling mill for the manufacture of box strips and hoops has been granted. All the other applications are still under consideration in the light of Government's Resolution dated the 13th November, 1957, on the Report of the Committee on Electric Furnaces, Steel Foundaries and Steel Re-rolling Mills.

(c) Kalyan, Bombay.

Collieries in Khasi and Jaintia Hills

1004. **Shri Bhagavati:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the production figures of Borshora and other collieries in Khasi and Jaintia Hills in Assam during 1957;

(b) the figures of allotment for the same year for the coal produced in these collieries;

(c) the figures of actual purchases by the allottees, from the quota so allotted;

(d) whether some of these collieries are facing difficulties, as they have been asked to reduce production;

(e) whether Government have any scheme or proposal to improve the coal industry in Khasi and Jaintia Hills in Assam; and

(f) if so, what is it?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) 1,90,951 tons.

(b) 2,51,500 tons.

(c) 1,48,261 tons.

(d) No, the collieries have not been asked to reduce their production.

(e) and (f). While there are no specific schemes for development of the coal industry as such in these areas, a constant endeavour is made to see that the industry as a whole keeps running and its natural development is not hampered. To this end consumers in Assam are persuaded to accept coal from Khasi and Jaintia Hills to the maximum extent possible.

Historical Monuments in Assam

1005. Shri Bhagavati: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state.

(a) whether a comprehensive survey of all the monuments of historical importance in Assam is being carried out for their preservation; and

(b) whether the relics of the old Biswanath Temple at Biswanath and the works of art on stone at the foot of the hills at Brahmajan and Kolongpur mouzas in Tezpur Sub-Division, Assam have been included in the new list of monuments to be declared as monuments of National Importance?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, if the reference is to the Borole temple at Biswanath, District Dibrang. The work of art on stone at the foot of the hill at Brahmajan and Kolongpur mouzas in Tezpur Sub-Division, Assam, will be examined and declared protected if found to be of National importance.

Hindi Sikhya Parishad of Tripura

1006. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindi Sikhya Parishad of Tripura has been given money by

Government for construction of buildings;

(b) if so, the amount; and

(c) whether any building has been constructed with that amount?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

M.B.B. College, Agartala

1007. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of teachers who left the MBB College of Agartala, Tripura during 1955-56, 1956-57 and in 1957-58 so far;

(b) the reasons for their leaving;

(c) whether the College has been short-staffed due to this reason; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a)

1955-56	2
1956-57	1
1957-58	6

(b) (i) Better employment elsewhere;

(ii) Unattractive Pay Scales,

(iii) High cost of living;

(iv) Difficulty in getting residential accommodation,

(v) Difficulty in communications.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following steps have been taken or are being taken in the matter:—

(1) The question of the revision of pay scales of teachers of M.B.B. College, Agartala, is being examined;