

After-Care Homes and Reception Centres in Punjab

3775. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal to set up after-care homes and district reception centres in Punjab States during 1958-59;

(b) if so, the amount allotted for this purpose; and

(c) the details of the scheme?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) No proposal has yet been received from the Punjab Government in this regard.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Employees of Himachal Pradesh

3776. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government employees transferred to Himachal Pradesh Territorial Council upto the 1st April, 1958;

(b) whether all these transfers have been made with the consent of the employees; and

(c) if not, the reason thereof?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Oil Drilling Operations

3777. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the number and categories of workers employed in the oil drilling operations in the public sector at present; and

(b) the number of employees belonging to Scheduled Castes among them?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). A

statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 51.]

Grass Meadows in Punjab

3778. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of grass meadows under the Defence Ministry in Punjab;

(b) the area, location with tehsil and district of each; and

(c) the annual income from these meadows separately?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) and (b). The grass meadows form part of the Military Farms and produce grass and fodder required for feeding the animals maintained by the Directorate of Remounts, Veterinary and Farms. The details of the grass meadows in the Punjab are as follows:—

Ambala	151.633 acres
Bir Dhantauri	382.000 acres
Jullundur	128.900 acres
Bir Sarangwal	709.810 acres
Kasauli	0.740 acres
Dagshai	6.130 acres
Sabathu	8.750 acres
Dalhousie	1.890 acres
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(c) As the grass and fodder produced are utilised for feeding animals maintained by the Military Farms, the question of income does not arise.

Welfare Schemes for Scheduled Castes etc. in Punjab

3779. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grant-in-aid allocated to the Punjab State for the welfare schemes for scheduled castes, tribes and backward classes for 1958-59; and