

Monuments in Punjab

1215. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the amount that has been sanctioned in connection with the preservation of monuments of national importance in Punjab for the year 1958-59;

(b) whether the amount is separately earmarked for each of the monuments to be preserved; and

(c) if so, their details?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (c). The budget proposals for the year 1958-59 have not so far been approved.

(b) Does not arise.

Dakshina Kerala Kudumbi Mahajana Sabha

1216. { Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Punnesse:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum from the Dakshina Kerala Kudumbi Mahajana Sabha, the association of the 'Kudumbi' community of Kerala containing certain demands of that community; and

(b) if so, action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Comments of the State Government on this representation are awaited.

I.C.S. Officers

1217 { Shri Dinesh Singh:
Shri K. E. Malvia:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of I.C.S. Officers in the service of the Government of India;

(b) the number among them who are working under the Ministry of External Affairs; and

(c) how many of them have opted for the Indian Foreign Service?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) 146 (This includes 13 officers serving under autonomous Corporations).

(b) 35.

(c) 28.

Defence Accounts Department

1218. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Narayanankutty Menon:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that graduates who are working in the Defence Accounts Department as Lower Division Clerks were denied permission to sit in the competitive examination for recruitment to Upper Division Clerks; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) and (b). No competitive examination is held for the recruitment of graduates as Upper Division Clerks in the Defence Accounts Department. Such recruitment is made through the Regional Employment Exchange. A simple written test and interview are, however, held to screen candidates sponsored by the Exchange. Graduate Lower Division Clerks who are in service are not permitted to register their names with the Employment Exchange. They are promoted to the grade of Upper Division Clerks along with non-graduate Lower Division Clerks on a seniority-cum-merit basis against the quota of vacancies in the Upper Division of the Clerical Grade reserved for promotion. This is in accordance with the policy laid down by the Government.