

(b) Bengali is not one of the languages used for the examination.

(c) Yes, optional.

Central Assistance to Orissa

1561. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of Central assistance to Orissa State for 1958-59 under Second Five Year Plan has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what is the allocation?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) and (b). Yes. Rs. 12-50 crores.

Ministers' Residences

1562. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state the amount that has been spent during 1956 and 1957 on account of furniture, electricity and water-supply in the residence of Ministers of the Central Government, their Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, the figures in relation to each to be shown separately?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Creches

1563. **Shri Sadhu Ram:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Creches (Welfare Centres) opened during the years 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 respectively;

(b) how many of them are working at present;

(c) the total number of officers in these centres;

(d) whether such centres have been opened throughout the country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) The number of creches opened in mines during the years 1954-55, 1955-56, and 1956-57 is as follows:—

	Coal Mines	Non-coalmines
1954-55	55	216 as on 31-3-57. Years wise information not available.
1955-56	60	
1956-57	8	

(b) 330 creches in coal mines and 291 creches in non-coal mines as on the 31st January, 1958.

(c) Owners of mines are required to appoint staff for creches, such as, creche-in-charge, cook, aya, sweeper etc. Information regarding the total number of such staff is not available.

(d) Yes, in most mining areas.

(e) Does not arise.

खादी तथा रेशम कीट-पालन की सहकारी समितियाँ

१५६४. { श्री पद्म देव :
श्री अ. दलजीत सिंह :

क्या बाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री २७ फरवरी, १९५८ के प्रतारकित प्रश्न संख्या ६८८ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में खादी तथा रेशम कीट-पालन की सहकारी समितियाँ कहाँ कहाँ हैं और उन समितियों ने अब तक क्या प्रगति की है ; और

(ख) सरकार ने इन समितियों को क्या सहायता दी है ?

बाणिज्य तथा उद्योग मंत्री (श्री बीरर-जी बेसाई) : (क) महामु जिले के कुनिहार स्थान में कुनिहार रेशम कीट पालक