The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): These recommendations are still under consideration, but Government feel that they will be able to come to a final decision on them only in the light of the Pay Commission's recommendation.

## Scientific Civil Service

↑ Shri D. C. Sharma: 220. ≺ Shri Bhakt Darshan: ↑ Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state the progress made so far with regard to the creation of a Scientific Civil Service in the country?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is ascertaining the opinion of the State Governments regarding the formation of an All India Cadre of Scientific Service. Studies are also under way in regard to the structure, principles and terms and conditions of the Scientific Civil Service in the U.K. and scientists in Civil Service in U.S.A., U.S.S.R., and elsewhere.

## Defence Services Employees

221. Shri D C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state the steps taken so far to remove the disparity between the non-industrial and industrial civilian employees in Defence Services in the matter of leave and holidays?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramziah): The question of removing the disparity between the non-industrial and industrial civilian employees in Defence Services in the matter of leave and holidays is still under consideration of the ad hoc Committee, appointed by this Ministry for that purpose.

## Hindi Encyclopaedia

222. Shri Bhakt Darshan: Shri Naval Prabhakar: Shri D. C. Sharma;

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 497 on the 26th February, 1958, and state the further progress made in the preparation of Hindi Encyclopaedia by the Kashi Nagari Pracharni Sabha, Varanasi?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): Out of the seventy thousand words which had been collected from published works of reference before the 26th February, 1958, when Starred Question No 497 was answered, 40,000 have been selected for rendering into Hindi and for distribution amongst scholars for the preparation of material for the Encyclopaedia. The classification of subjects has been completed and about one fourth of the total number of entries have been rendered into Hindi.

2. A list of fifty Contributing Editors and about a thousand Contributors has been drawn up and approved by the Advisory Board. Several thousands of topics have been distributed amongst the Contributors on the approved list.

## I.A.S. Cadre

223. Shri Damani: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have increased the strength of the I.A.S. cadre, in view of the requirement of more administrative personnel under the Second Five Year Plan; and
- (b) if so, the nature of the revision in the strength?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes.

(b) The total authorised strength of the I.A.S. has expanded from 1539 to 1705.