

been fixed by the Punjab Government. The Government of India propose to sanction a sum of Rs. 24 lakhs as Central assistance for this purpose at the rate of 60 per cent. of the sum of Rs. 40 lakhs provided by the State Government in their educational development plan for 1959-60 for the scheme of multi-purpose schools.

#### Foreign Investments in India

1121. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the total amount of foreign investments in India during 1957 and 1958?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): The available information is given in the statement laid on the Table and relates to the allotments of shares to non-residents in Indian Joint Stock Companies during the years. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 106]. The figures for the year 1958 are incomplete. Full information which will give a complete picture of the investments received from abroad during the two years is not yet available.

#### Promotion of Clerks in Ordnance Factories

1122. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Lower Division Clerks promoted to Upper Division Clerks in Ordnance Factories during 1957-58; and

(b) the number of those who are likely to be promoted during 1959-60?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) 66.

(b) 52.

#### Promotion of Checkers in Ordnance Factories

1123. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of checkers in Ordnance Factories promoted to

lower division clerks during 1957-58; and

(b) the number to be promoted in 1959-60?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) 13.

(b) The number is likely to be 61.

#### Regularisation of Casual Employees

1124. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual employees on the 1st January, 1959 made regular and temporary in the Army Stores Corps and Army Supply Depots; and

(b) what percentage of them are likely to be made permanent?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) 1311.

(b) It is not possible to indicate any definite figure. The matter is under continual review.

#### Indian Cultural Centre in Eastern Asia

1125. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 503 on the 28th November, 1958 and state the progress made in the opening of an Indian Cultural Centre in Eastern Asia?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): The proposal has since been deferred.

#### Electric Crematorium in Delhi

1126. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 494 on the 22nd December, 1958 and state at what stage the proposal stands at present regarding the construction of an electric crematorium in Delhi?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. M. Puri): The Delhi Advisory Committee was consulted at its meeting held on the 23rd February, 1959, about the proposal. The Committee expressed itself in favour of the construction of such a crematorium on a plot of land immediately south of the Railway bridge, to the east of the Bela Road on the banks of the river Yamuna.

#### Welfare Extension Projects in Punjab

1127. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the number of integrated Welfare Extension Projects of the Central Social Welfare Board located in Punjab; and

(b) the names of places where they are located?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimani): (a) One.

(b) Palampur, District Kangra.

#### Technical Education in Punjab

1128. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grant sanctioned for expansion of technical education in Punjab during the years 1957-58 and 1958-59; and

(b) the institutions to which grants were given?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri M. M. Das): (a)

1957-58 Rs 9,63,917.

1958-59 Rs. 20,75,000 upto 24-2-1959.

A further amount of Rs. 11,09,700 is proposed to be sanctioned during the current year.

(b)

1. Guru Nanak Engineering College, Ludhiana.

2. Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala.

3. Tarakaran S. D. Technical Institute, Baijnath.

4. Rangarhia Polytechnic, Phagwara.

5. Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh.

6. Central Polytechnic, Chandigarh.

7. Government Polytechnic, Ambala.

8. Punjab Polytechnic, Nilokheri.

9. University of Punjab, Chandigarh.

#### Cantonment at Gurdaspur

1129. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a cantonment at Gurdaspur?

(b) whether any scheme has been drawn for this purpose;

(c) the details of this scheme; and

(d) the progress made so far in this regard?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) to (d) It is not always in public interest to disclose information on plans, if any, in regard to military establishments of this character.

#### Opium

1130. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the names of the States which have decided to prohibit the sale and consumption of opium so far?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): In the States of Assam, Andhra Pradesh (excluding Telengana area), Bombay, Madras, Kerala (Prohibition area), and Mysore (Prohibition area) sale and consumption of opium for non-medical purposes have already been prohibited. The remaining States have decided to act likewise from 1st April, 1959.