

(d) Extraordinary pension was sanctioned in two cases @ Rs. 9.35 p.m. to one and Rs. 19.88 p.m. to another. Three more cases for grant of extraordinary pension are under consideration.

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1424. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state

(a) the special reasons, if any, for stationing number of circle offices and party headquarters of the Survey of India in hill stations, viz., Abu, Shillong and Mussoorie;

(b) whether the same purpose can be achieved by shifting the said offices to the plains,

(c) whether this would also be economical for Government and

(d) if so, whether any such step is contemplated in the near future?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) The only Circle Office located at a hill station is the Western Circle Office at Abu. The reason for locating the headquarters of this newly created Circle at Abu was that accommodation was readily available there but not at any other suitable place.

Survey Parties are located in Shillong and Mussoorie because the Survey of India has accommodation there. Moreover, it is desirable for proper performance of stereo work and the accuracy of maps that the work be done in a cool, dry atmosphere free from dust.

(b) The circle and the party headquarters could be removed to the plains provided suitable buildings are available, and provided the atmosphere is not too hot or moist, and is reasonably free from dust. In the alternative, air-conditioning would have to be provided in part of the premises.

(c) No, Sir

(d) No, Sir

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1425. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the works committees in Photo Litho Office, Calcutta; Photo Zinco Office, Dehra Dun and Hathibarkala Litho Office, Dehra Dun under the Survey of India are functioning effectively;

(b) if so, number of meetings held in 1958;

(c) items discussed,

(d) items on which agreements were reached, and

(e) decisions implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Photo Litho Office, Calcutta—1.

Photo Zinco Office, Dehra Dun—11.

Hathibarkala Litho Office, Dehra Dun—14

(c) to (e) A large number of subjects were discussed, and recommendations made. Some have been implemented, some are being implemented, while others are being examined.

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1426. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees working in the Survey of India sent on departmental leave during 1957-58; and

(b) the total number of employees who drew half of their pay during departmental leave in 1957-58?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) 336.

(b) 11