

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उस कमेटी की मुख्य सिफारिशों और उन पर किये गये निश्चयों को बताने वाला एक विवरण समाप्त पर रखा जायेगा ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री कृष्ण मेनन) . (क) हाँ (ख). एम० ई० एस० कन्स्ट्रक्शन कमेटी की रिपोर्ट पर अभी विचार हो रहा है ।

दूसी आपत्तियों के लिये निधि

८८३. श्री सरजू पाण्डे क्या वित्त मंत्री २४ नवम्बर, १९५८ के तारंकित प्रश्न संख्या १८२ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या जम्मू और काश्मीर, उत्तर प्रदेश, पश्चिम बंगाल और बिहार की राज्य सरकारों ने इस बीच दूसी आपत्तियों के लिये निधियां सोल ली हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका व्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) : (क) और (ख). निधि सोलने की बात को जम्मू और काश्मीर सरकार ने सिद्धान्त रूप से मान लिया है ।

उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार की सरकारों ने अपने निर्णय के बारे में अभी तक सूचना नहीं दी है, इसलिये उन्हें स्मरण दिनाया गया है ।

पश्चिम बंगाल सरकार ने निश्चय किया है कि इस प्रश्न का विचार वर्तमान वित्तीय वर्ष के अन्त तक स्पष्टित रखा जाये ।

Expansion Programme of Mysore Iron and Steel Works

334. *Shri N. E. Munniamy: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:*

(a) whether the Mysore Iron and Steel Works at Bhadravati has applied

for any further financial aid to the Government for its expansion programme;

(b) if so, for how much,

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the expansion programme of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works is progressing according to schedule; and

(e) whether it is a fact that there was some difficulty in getting certain equipments?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (c) In May 1957, the Mysore Government approached the Central Government for financial assistance of Rs. 5.95 crores. This was mainly for the steel expansion programme and the ferro silicon scheme, and included provision for ancillary facilities and schemes carried over from the First Five Year Plan. Government of India have approved the ferro silicon scheme and Mysore themselves are financing it. With regard to the steel expansion programme, Mysore are at present examining proposals with a view to finalise the orders, particularly the manner of financing its foreign exchange cost.

(d) Yes, Sir. The schemes already approved by the Government of India are progressing satisfactorily.

(e) Government are not aware of any difficulty.

Indian Students Abroad

335. { *Shri Raghunath Singh:*
Pandit J. P. Jyotishi:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian Students are taking education at present in foreign countries; and

(b) the number out of them who are Government of India or foreign scholarship holders?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) and (b) A statement giving the latest available information is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No 56]

Pension Cases

386. { Shri Raghunath Singh
Pandit D. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state how many cases of pension are still pending and had not been finalised even after the retirement of Central Government servants for more than one year?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course

Indian Records in Foreign Countries

387. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state in how many countries Indian records are available which throw some light on Indian history?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall) Indian records, i.e., records created by individuals or bodies, residing in India, excluding records created in India by agencies of Foreign Governments or International Bodies, are available in India, United Kingdom and France Besides, records which throw light on Indian history but were created by Foreign Governments or their agencies are available in many foreign countries, e.g., United Kingdom, France, Norway, Netherlands, Denmark, USA Portugal, Italy and Ceylon

Foreign Exchange for Travel Abroad

388. { Shri V. P. Nayar
Shri Punnoose:
Shri Kadiyan:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that more foreign exchange was allowed in the

year 1958, as compared to 1957 for industrialists and businessmen visiting overseas; and

(b) if so, how much?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b) According to the latest available figures, foreign exchange for business purposes to the extent of Rs 85 lakhs was released during January-November, 1958 as compared to Rs 79 lakhs released during the corresponding period in 1957 The figure of release for the month of December, 1958 is not yet available

Lignite in Neyveli and Warkalai

389. { Shri V. P. Nayar
Shri Punnoose:
Shri Kadiyan:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state

(a) the nature and extent of the geological investigation conducted to study the occurrence of lignite in Neyveli in Madras State as compared to the investigations in Warkalai in 1956-57, and

(b) the depth and number of drillings made in each case?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b) In the Neyveli area, presence of lignite was established by only three bore holes which were in fact put down for underground water exploration and not for lignite Subsequently, however, 33 holes were drilled at Neyveli in an area of 52 sq miles to prove the extent and the quantum of reserves The holes put down went generally to a depth of 200 ft. except in a few cases where drilling had to be carried up to a depth of 260 ft

Drilling in the Warkalai beds of the Warkala sedimentary patch extending into portions of Quilon and Trivandrum districts was conducted with a view to investigate lignite deposits known to occur in these beds Sixteen