

Wireless Station for Laccadive Islands

2474. Shri Nallakoya: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 446 on the 2nd August, 1957 and state when the wireless station will be established on the Laccadive Islands?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): A Wireless Station at Minicoy Island has been functioning since 1942. The Ministry of Transport and Communications are taking up installation of wireless stations in other islands.

Houses for Scheduled Castes

2475. Shri Chuni Lal: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide available sites for residential houses in various localities in Delhi to Scheduled Castes in order to provide them an opportunity to live in the midst of other forward classes?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): There is no such proposal under consideration; but, there is a scheme for allotment of free house-sites to members of the Scheduled Castes in certain rural areas of Delhi.

Protected Monuments of Orissa, West Bengal and Assam

2476. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state the total number of monuments under protection of the Central Department of Archaeology at present in the following States:—

- (i) Orissa,
- (ii) West Bengal, and
- (iii) Assam.

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (i) Orissa 54.

- (ii) West Bengal 103.
- (iii) Assam 56.

Printing of Foreign Currency Notes

2477. Shri N. M. Deb: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the names of the foreign countries who placed order with India Security Press for printing of their currency notes in 1956?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): No foreign country had placed order with India Security Press for printing of their currency notes during the year 1958.

Training of Foreigners

2478. Shri N. M. Deb: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state how many foreigners were trained in different branches of our Defence Establishments in 1958 and the names of the countries they belonged to?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): 289 foreigners were trained in different Defence Establishments during 1958.

It would not be in the public interest to disclose the figures of trainees from each foreign country separately or correct to give the names of the countries without their prior-agreement.

Horses and Mules in Army

2479. Shri N. M. Deb: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the present strength of horses and mules in the Army;
- (b) the annual requirements of the same; and
- (c) when the scheme for the equine breeding of horses and mules in the Army stud farm will start?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) and (b). It will not be in the public interest to give the information asked for.

(c) A Mountain Artillery Mule Breeding Stud at Babugarh had