

(b) what is the annual requirement of these materials in our country; and

(c) whether the said quantity is manufactured in our country?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No estimates of requirements are available.

(c) Not at present.

Limestone Mines in Purnapani

*1131. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Steel Ltd. has stopped working the limestone mine at Purnapani from the 1st July, 1959;

(b) if so, the reasons for closing this mine; and

(c) whether the Hindustan Steel Ltd. is getting its limestone requirements from any other mine?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). Mining operations in the pilot mining scheme at Purnapani were suspended on 30-6-1959 because the target of 37,000 tons fixed for the pilot scheme had been achieved and the quarries were getting flooded with water and it was not considered economical to continue to pump the water and work the mine.

(c) Yes, Sir, from M/s Birsia Stone Lime Company.

Foreign Exchange earned by Indian Shipping

2072. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the total amount of foreign exchange earned by Indian shipping during 1959 so far?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): Information is so far available only for the first five

months. During this period, of five months January—May 1959, the gross receipts of the principal Indian Shipping Companies operating in the overseas and adjacent trades amounted to Rs. 9.84 crores. Figures of net earnings of foreign exchange are not available.

Technical Education in Punjab

2073. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state the amount of grant (capital and recurring) given to the Punjab Government for advancement of technical education during 1959-60 so far with details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): No grants have been sanctioned for 1959-60 so far. According to the revised procedure, the state Governments receive automatically ways and means advances from the Central Government of a sum equivalent to 3/4 of the approved provision made for assistance to the respective States, in nine monthly instalments beginning with the month of May. Sanction for Central assistance is given towards the end of the financial year on the basis of actual expenditure incurred by the State during the first three quarters and the anticipated expenditure during the last quarter.

Provision has been made for a sum of Rs. 6.40 lakhs for Centrally Sponsored Schemes and that of Rs. 8.00 lakhs for State Schemes to be given as assistance to the Government of Punjab during the current financial year.

Birsia Science and Industry Museum, Calcutta

2074. 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. 158 on the 12th February, 1959 and state the up-to-date progress made in the establishment of the Birsa Science and Industry Museum, Calcutta?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): The construction work of the workshop building is progressing satisfactorily and is expected to be completed within the next six months. A temporary workshop has in the meantime been set up inside the building itself and the preparation of models departmentally has been started. The necessary staff has been recruited.

Tenders for the renovation of the existing building and provision of services are likely to be called for shortly and it is hoped that renovation work will be completed by the end of 1961.

The Museum was inaugurated on 2nd May, 1959 with the following seven galleries having 110 models, 104 posters and 56 translights:

1. Electricity
2. Metallurgy of Copper and Iron
3. Electronics
4. Nuclear Physics
5. Petroleum
6. Television
7. Optics & Miscellaneous.

With the above seven galleries the museum is now open to the public on all days except Mondays and notified holidays.

A museum is an organisation to which exhibits have to be progressively and continually added.

Night Soil

2075. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3488 on the 24th April, 1959, and state the progress made by the Sub-committee appointed by the Central Advisory Board for Harijan Welfare for the preparing a scheme to put an end to the practice of carrying night soil in baskets or buckets?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): The Sub-Committee has so far visited Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa, Bombay, Kerala, Madras and Rajasthan. The Sub-Committee intends visiting a few more States before submitting its recommendations.

Supply of Drinking Water in the Andamans

2076. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for increasing the supply of drinking water in the Andaman Islands; and

(b) if so the details and nature of the Scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No 112.]

Educated Unemployment in Delhi

2077. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the grant given to the Delhi State Administration during 1957-58 and 1958-59 separately for relieving educated unemployment in Delhi; and

(b) the total number of persons employed during the same period, year-wise, in Delhi under the above scheme?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrivastav): (a) No payment sanction has been issued either to Delhi Administration or to Delhi Municipal Corporation during the years 1957-58 and 1958-59.

(b) 8 persons were given employment during 1958-59, by the Delhi Corporation

Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen

2078. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Defense be pleased to refer to the reply given to