

giving the required information is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix II, annexure No 111]

Bokaro Thermal Power Station

*676 { Shri Nagi Reddy;
Shri A. K. Gopalan;
Shri Vasudevan Nair;
Shri Kunhan.

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) whether the Committee appointed by the Government of India in May, 1956, to investigate whether the full value of the money spent on the Bokaro Thermal Power Station of the Damodar Valley Corporation has been obtained, has submitted its report,

(b) if so, the main conclusions drawn in the report, and

(c) if the report is not yet submitted the probable date by which it will be submitted?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hatthi) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) The report is expected to be received by the Government by the first week of September, 1959

Special Multipurpose Tribal Blocks

*110. { Shri R C Majhi;
Shri Subodh Hansda.

Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government propose to stop financial aid to the Special Multipurpose Tribal Blocks where the Tribal population is low, and

(b) if so, in how many such blocks the tribal population is less than the total population of the block?

The Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri S. K Dey): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise

Qualifications for Training Courses of Tourist Guides

1198 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the minimum educational qualifications prescribed for the future training courses of tourist guides?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The Department of Tourism, Ministry of Transport and Communications, has prescribed the following minimum qualifications for the training of guides

- (1) The candidate should be a graduate of a recognised university with good general knowledge and background of Indian history
- (2) He should be familiar with places of tourist interest in India, especially with those in and around the centre of his operation
- (3) He should be able to speak English fluently

Preference will be given to those candidates who are already employed and are wishing to take up guiding as a profession. Knowledge of foreign languages, in particular French, will be considered as an additional qualification. Educational qualifications however would be relaxed in the case of those candidates who are found suitable otherwise

Ship Repairing Facilities

1199. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta;
Shri M. R. Krishna;
Shri Kunhan;
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao;
Shri Raghunath Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 3477 on the 28rd April, 1959 and state

(a) whether the Committee appointed to investigate into the existing ship

repairing facilities in the major ports in the country has since submitted its report,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether in pursuance of the Committee's recommendations any plan to provide additional facilities for repairing more ships has been prepared,

(d) if so, the maximum number of ships that will be taken in at one time for repairs, and

(e) the amount to be spent for the implementation of the plan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes

(b) The report is at present under print. It will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as the copies become available. A statement showing the main recommendations of the Committee is however laid on the Table [See Appendix II annexure No 112]

(c) to (e) The report is under consideration

Sight-seeing Tours

1200 { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta
Shri Ayt Singh Sarhadi

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) the names of the cities where arrangements for sight-seeing tours have been made so far (State-wise),

(b) the rate charged from the tourists (City-wise), and

(c) the names of the cities where such arrangements are proposed to be made during 1959-60?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c) A statement containing the available information is laid on the Table [See Appendix II, annexure No 113]

This is based on the material furnished by the State Governments and the Government of India Tourist Offices in India.

Vanaspati

1201, Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the quantity and value of Vanaspati produced during the year 1959 (upto 30.6.1959), and

(b) the quantity and value of Vanaspati exported during the above period?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 1.88 lakh tons valued at Rs 39 crores (approx)

(b) 800 tons valued at Rs 15 lakhs (approx)

Post Office Savings Bank Accounts of Displaced Persons

1202, Shri D. C. Sharma, Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the number of Post Office Savings Bank accounts of the displaced persons transferred to India from Pakistan during April July, 1959?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): 135, this number was included in the figures given in reply to part (a) of the Hon. Member's Unstarred Question No 3594 on 28th April, 1959. There has been no transfer of any accounts after that date.

Remodelling of Delhi Railway Yard

1203, Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 109 on the 11th February, 1959 and state

(a) the further progress so far made in remodelling the main railway yard at Delhi, and

(b) the amount spent up-to-date?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) So far,