

**Sahitya Akademi**

1357. **Shri Wodeyar:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sahitya Akademi has decided to set up a zonal office in Madras; and

(b) if so, when this will be set up?

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

(b) During this financial year.

**Indebtedness of Government Employees**

1358. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any reports about the widespread indebtedness among the Central Government employees especially in Delhi and New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the measures under contemplation to meet the situation?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a) No

(b) Does not arise

**Number of Vacancies in Assistants Grade**

1359. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in the Assistants Grade lying vacant at present;

(b) the number of posts to be filled in as a result of the Assistants Grade Examination held in May, 1959; and

(c) the number of posts earmarked for being filled in by promotion of Upper Division Clerks working in various Ministries of the Government of India?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar):** (a)

On the 1st July, 1959, the number of posts in the grade of Assistants reported to be vacant in all the Ministries and offices participating in the Central Secretariat Service Scheme was 274.

(b) and (c). The vacancies will be filled partly by direct recruitment on the results of the two Assistants' Grade competitive Examinations held in April and May, 1959, respectively, and partly by promotion. The exact number of vacancies to be allotted to the two categories has, however, not yet been decided.

**Auto Car Refuellers**

1360. **Shri K. S. Ramaswamy:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of auto car refuellers (bowser) rebuilt for refuelling Indian Airforce Aircraft by the Defence Department during 1957, 1958 and 1959 so far;

(b) how many such auto car refuellers can be built out of discarded auto cars scattered in various parts of the country; and

(c) what is the estimated value of the saving to the Ministry by undertaking this task?

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** (a) 1957 — Nil  
1958 — Nil  
1959 — 30  
(so far)

(b) In all 70 (approx)

(c) The estimated cost for a new refueller is 1,10,000 lakhs. It is difficult to say what their disposal value would be Air Headquarters estimate the saving to be about 70 lakhs

**Educational Concessions to Children of Political Sufferers**

1361. **Shri Rami Reddy:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concessions are given to the children of political