

rapalli has been asked to send the sample collected from the bore-hole to the Neyveli Lignite Corporation for analysis.

Lignite Deposits in Madras

179. { Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:
Shri Nagi Reddy:
Shri Warrior:

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

(a) whether during gravity and magnetic surveys carried out between Cauvery river and Palk Strait in the South any definite indications of Lignite deposit have come to notice; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of the area, and percentage of this organic material?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir. The gravity and magnetic surveys carried out so far have indicated a number of strong 'anomalies' in the form of gravity 'lows'. These are to be investigated in further detail with closely spaced stations in order to determine the possibility of occurrence of lignite deposits in these areas.

(b) Does not arise.

Arrears due from Private Toddy Shop Contractors

180. { Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
Shri Punnoose:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrears of auctioned rentals were due from private toddy shop contractors in Kerala State during 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57;

(b) if so, whether the arrears have been paid now; and

(c) what are the total arrears of auctioned rentals due from private toddy shop contracts in Kerala till now?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) Yes. The arrears are given below:

	Rs.
1954-55	2,46,158.54
1955-56	34,983.12
1956-57	49,522.21

(b) No.

(c) The total arrears of rentals in respect of toddy, arrack, opium and ganja shops up to the end of 1958-59 is Rs. 31,53,563.18. The arrears of rental of toddy shops from 1954-55 to 1958-59 is Rs. 7,34,937.04. Information regarding the arrears of rental in respect of toddy shops alone for the period prior to 1954-55 is not readily available.

State Transport Workers, Kerala

181. { Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
Shri Punnoose:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any bonus was paid to the State Transport workers in the Kerala State for the year 1958-59;

(b) if so, the quantum paid; and

(c) the quantum of bonus paid for the previous years?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 6,57,430.

(c) Rs. 6,73,561.

Gifts of Hindi Books

182. **Shri Kumbhar:** Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal in the Ministry to collect suitable Hindi books from the booksellers and publishers to make gifts to the schools and colleges in non-Hindi speaking States where Hindi is taught as compulsory or optional subject;